

ROUND 3 QUOTES
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DAVID BRANSDON (-10)



DAVID BRANSDON: I don't even know where I am in the tournament or what, I haven't looked all day.

Q. You did what you needed to do?

DAVID BRANSDON: And then some.

Q. Yeah.

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Q. You said you weren't going to leaderboard watch, but --

DAVID BRANSDON: Even now that I finished, I still haven't looked. I'm looking over there now, but that's about it. Let's see, 12. What did I finish? 10.

Q. What does this mean to you? You're in.

DAVID BRANSDON: A lot because not only has it got me in next week, now I'm knocking on the door, with a decent performance next week, of the 36, which two weeks ago wasn't even on the radar. That was -- I was in a bad head space and managed to dig myself out of it.

Q. This would put you into the Top 30s.

Q. Thirty-fifth.

DAVID BRANSDON: Still some work to do, but it's a lot, a pretty good start.

Q. Just assess your round. What was the mindset going in? What worked well?

DAVID BRANSDON: We touched on it yesterday. It was just I wanted to play my own game and stay out of my own way. If I could do that, I was playing well enough to shoot the score I shot today. Might not win the golf tournament, but that's okay. I did well and I stayed out of my own way, which is pretty good.

Q. The relationship with Cam Percy, what does it mean for him to come back and find you to congratulate you?

DAVID BRANSDON: It's awesome because we've got a bit of a bond going because from Q-School with all four of us getting through. It's huge and it means a lot. It hasn't sunk in yet, but yeah, like I said, there's still some work to do, but I'm pretty damn happy with myself right now.

Q. When you look back at this tomorrow, tonight, on your way to Little Rock --

DAVID BRANSDON: I can plan that now. I didn't have a flight booked, didn't have a hotel booked. I didn't want to forward think, so I left everything -- didn't book a thing. I looked once about four days ago for flights, but that was it. I didn't book anything. As I said yesterday, I've wanted to let it, whatever happened, happened. If I had to change stuff, more than happy to do it. Now I get to do it for a really good reason.

Q. What's that going to feel like?

DAVID BRANSDON: I'm going to be pretty happy booking a flight and a hotel and letting them know that I'll need a courtesy car and all that sort of stuff. That's pretty cool.

Then, like I said, I've now played well enough that I might get to -- might even think about the 36. And once again, I'll stop thinking about it once I've congratulated myself for getting myself near it. Yeah, I'll let myself think about it tonight over a couple of drinks.

Q. It's been 10 months since Q-School. What was the goal after Q-School for this year?

DAVID BRANSDON: I guess the 36 was a goal. Then once I started to play, I wanted to win. Then towards the end of the season, the last few weeks my game was sort of not where I wanted it to be. My chipping was pretty poor. It was -- I was in a dark place.

My family had gone home and I was on my own in hotel rooms and it gets pretty lonely. I had that in Covid in '21 when I was stuck in Japan for five-and-a-half months without my family. I was on a bad run then. I was starting to be on a bad run then, but I said to myself, c'mon, let's just work through it. I did and I've exceeded what I thought I could do this week.

Q. Does today give you that validation that this was all worth it?

DAVID BRANSDON: Absolutely. Like this was -- I don't want to put a damper on it, but if I had shot 75 today, I'd have been on a flight home to Australia in the next two days. It was a pretty important round of golf today and I was pretty proud of myself to stay out of my own way and let it happen. It was one of my better rounds this year, that's for sure.