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BRIAN CAMPBELL

MODERATOR: Afternoon, everyone. We are joined here with our VidantaWorld Mexico Open defending champ, Brian Campbell.

Brian, welcome back. It's been longer than a year since when you first captured your first PGA Tour victory. What memories do you have of that playoff win?

BRIAN CAMPBELL: Oh, man. Honestly, it feels like it was yesterday that I was here. Doesn't feel like a year and a half.

You know, I'm looking forward to kind of getting back into just the area and exploring the plaza and the par-3 course. We have concerts this week, so much they offer here at this tournament, it just makes it really special.

Honestly, just being back and, you know, just feeling the vibes on the range and seeing all the guys. They have changed the course, so I'll have to get used to that, but really excited to be back.

MODERATOR: Any specific memories from Sunday's final round or even from the playoff?

BRIAN CAMPBELL: I mean, the playoff was just kind of a blur, to be honest. It just happens. You finish your round and you just roll right into the next thing. Obviously hitting the tree, having the ball bounce back in play, something I'll never forget. And then hitting a wedge shot tight and hearing the crowd go crazy there, two memories.

And then being taken back to the scene of the crime and toasting the tree was definitely a memory.

MODERATOR: Just got done playing the front nine. They have rerouted with the course. What changes have we seen and big differences?

BRIAN CAMPBELL: Yeah, so the opening tee shots and the finishing tee shots are all different. 16, 17, 18 last year was finishing par 5 with a par 3. I think they've added -- the finish will now be the first hole, so 18 is now the first hole from last year. They added a new par 3, so that green's a bit firm as you would expect from a new golf hole.

Honestly, it feels all the same, they just kind of rerouted how the course works but it's still relatively the same.

MODERATOR: Here at Vidanta there's signage of your face everywhere as defending

champ. What's it like seeing that? Obviously probably a little bit different from every other week to week.

BRIAN CAMPBELL: Yeah, it's not every week you're picking up your luggage in the airport next to your face, so that was really cool to see. Yeah, it's honestly just really special. Brings back those memories the second you see everything. Like oh, yeah, OK, we're back.

MODERATOR: First start of the fall, first since Wyndham Championship. What have you been up to? Has it been putting the clubs down, doing other activities?

BRIAN CAMPBELL: It's been putting the clubs down, focusing on getting married. I actually get married next week. Going to have to make it home and make sure we keep a happy wife.

But she's here this week and we're looking forward to just enjoying this week just like we did last year.

Q. Besides the changes you just told us of the field, the change of the date from February to October, will that have an impact and do you think 17 under will be again the target or will it go higher or lower?

BRIAN CAMPBELL: I mean, you know, you give these guys out here a chance to go lower and they always do. I think my bet would be lower with all the rain. It doesn't seem like there's going to be that much wind, which I think the wind is a huge challenge at this course, but it won't be blowing too hard. We will get a lot of rain so the course will play longer, also may play softer. I think it remains to be seen exactly though.

Q. From February to October does it change anything or do you feel it's the same?

BRIAN CAMPBELL: I think it will change. The weather will definitely be different. Not exactly sure, though.

Q. After winning last year, you have some new fans and followers here. What would you say to anyone who plays golf or want to come out and watch you this week?

BRIAN CAMPBELL: Oh, man. Have fun. To have people come out and support us is just awesome. The fact that there's a lot of people coming out to support me is really crazy to be honest. Come out, enjoy yourself, enjoy some golf and enjoy what this place has to offer, that would be my advice.

Q. How do you feel towards this weekend and the chances you have to go back to back here?

BRIAN CAMPBELL: Yeah, I mean, I feel pretty good. I know the course in and out. I'd say I played it only for the first time last year, but I have a really good feel for where you need to

be and where you can't be.

It should play relatively similar, too. You know, going to stick with a relatively same game plan for this year and see what that does.

MODERATOR: Any others before we wrap it up? Had two wins, one of your best finishes this season was at the Masters. How would you overall assess this season so far?

BRIAN CAMPBELL: Definitely a struggle. It was kind of like still dealing with injury stuff I'd say and trying to find physical therapists working with different swing stuff. I think I allowed myself that time because I had that time. To me, it felt like it was more important to work on that stuff.

All **in all, not the season that I wanted at all. Some highlights from the Masters, I mean, that was one I was like focused on my calendar all year long. Yeah, I'd say I'm in a much better place at the moment.**

Q. Sticking with that with some time off since August, you're feeling healthy. What has that time off done and what do you see coming into play this week?

BRIAN CAMPBELL: Yeah, got a little procedure on my shoulder done that made my neck feel way better. That was a huge thing I had been dealing with for the last couple years. Mix that with lots of time off, sometimes you just need to get away from it. I like to say unlearn bad habits and relearn good habits and that was kind of what I was doing. And getting wedding stuff ready.

MODERATOR: What kind of finally led to the decision of getting the surgery done and around what timeline did you get it done?

BRIAN CAMPBELL: It was something that was recommended by a lot of physical therapists. It was just the removal of a cyst. They say it can cause tension in areas. They said if you have the time you might as well get rid of it. But it wasn't something that was necessary, but I felt like I had the time offseason, let's just get it done.

MODERATOR: We'll wrap it up. What's been the highlights of wedding planning and what are you looking forward to in two weeks?

BRIAN CAMPBELL: Oh, man, one week, yeah. The highlights have just been I think putting together invitations and reaching out to everyone that's going to attend the wedding.

I'm just looking forward to celebrating a big party with people that I care about and stuff like that.

MODERATOR: Brian, thank you for the time and good luck this week.