



INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPT: BRAD FAXON
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MODERATOR: Brad, final round 71 and a 12-under, you finish actually T3. Just a couple thoughts about the day and then take us through the back nine a little bit if you could.

BRAD FAXON: Sure. Well, I got off to a great start, the start I wanted to get off to. After John eagled the first hole, I was like wow, that's unbelievable. And I made birdies on the two par 5s, 3 and 5, and made a great birdie on 6.

You know, this is the first time I've been really in contention in the last group in a long time and I felt a little bit of pressure on the back nine. I didn't make any birdies on the back nine in pretty good conditions, but overall I'm very pleased. Played well, would like to be in that playoff right now obviously, so I think this is a big step forward going into the last few tournaments of the year for me.

Q. Do you just want to run through the round real quick?

BRAD FAXON: Sure. I made about a 15-footer for birdie on No. 3. No. 5, I hit, oh, boy, I made a 25-footer from the fringe on 5. Then on 6 about a 15-footer after hitting a 7-iron into 6. Good start. Probably wished I had hit a better shot into No. 8, I had only about a 75-yard sand wedge shot and I kind of chunked it a little bit and made a slope bogey there, but kind of hung in there and made a couple good par saves on the back nine and just hit my first kind of off iron shot there on 17. I was kind of salivating over that.

MODERATOR: What club?

BRAD FAXON: 7-iron, 180-yard shot, just pushed it out to the right a little bit.

MODERATOR: And your chip was not so good.

BRAD FAXON: Yeah, it's the S-H word. Yeah, just hit it on the hosel of the club and I haven't done that I don't think in my life. It wasn't the best time to experiment with that, but I don't think that will happen again for a while.

MODERATOR: And then 18, tell us about that, right down the middle.

BRAD FAXON: 18, hit a beautiful drive and I had a hard 9-iron shot. The pin was on the right, so it was one of those I kind of had to start a little bit right and I didn't want to hit it out over the right edge of the green. It was an indecision shot and I just hooked it. Getting a little run there from the fringe, almost made that 50 or 60 footer, but would have liked to have a better chance than that on the last hole. I'm excited for Willie. We've been playing since college and that was a pretty nice cool putt to see.

Q. How long was your par putt on 12?

BRAD FAXON: 25 feet, probably maybe a little more.

Q. Did you just slide the club under it?

BRAD FAXON: On the practice rounds I noticed on the upslopes of a lot of these fairways it was really tight, the short grass, but soft underneath it and loose. I saw John Hughes did it a few times, Mark Wiebe did it yesterday, we played together. You've got to be so precise and I hit -- I just kind of chunked that and I said, you know what, I'm just going to hit a hybrid off there, it was kind of a sloppy shot. It was a good par save.

Q. Your lie there on 17?

BRAD FAXON: It was pretty good. It wasn't a bad lie. I had some really bad lies, not that one. I was just trying to plop it up there. It was one of those I thought would roll down the whole way. I don't know what happened.

Q. Can you just sum up your week here?

BRAD FAXON: It was so great. I feel like I kind of came home in a lot of ways. There were so many people pulling for me. I felt like a lot of people remembered '99 and 2000 like I did certainly. I'm just proud. It's -- I'm happy for the Champions Tour, I'm psyched about Dick's being the title sponsor here and I'm happy for everybody here in Broome County. It's amazing what you guys pull together.

MODERATOR: Brad, we'll let you go.