



BRENDAN STEELE

Q. Second year running coming to the CIMB Classic with the win. How are you feeling one week ahead?

BRENDAN STEELE: Yeah, obviously very excited to start the year with a win. I love coming here, I've always had a good time. I've had a little bit of success here in the past, finished third a couple years ago. So very comfortable, familiar place for me. Just trying to roll a little bit of momentum into this week.

Q. Did you have a chance to enjoy the win back in the west coast?

BRENDAN STEELE: Not really. We had to jump right on a plane so that's the only downside is that I didn't really get a chance to enjoy it as much as I would have liked the last couple years, but happy to be here.

Q. What worked for you last week and how do you feel that will help you coming into a different place, different golf course this week?

BRENDAN STEELE: Yeah, I mean, definitely mindset for me. Trying to put really positive energy into my pre-shot routine and when I'm over the ball and that kind of stuff. Not the typical like technical things or anything like that, so I think that will carry over even though I think it's a totally different course and part of the world.

Q. You said you played here well before, I think it was a top-10 just a couple of years ago?

BRENDAN STEELE: Yeah, I finished third two years ago, so yeah, it's a comfortable place for me.

Q. What is it about this golf course that you like?

BRENDAN STEELE: I think just it's a good driving course. That's usually the strongest part of my game, I like to hit a lot of drivers, and if you hit it in the fairway out here, you've got a chance to score.

Q. And scoring, you expect it to be in the 20s again? After looking at the pro-am this morning, what kind of scoring do you think?

BRENDAN STEELE: Yeah, yeah, I think, yeah, low to mid 20s is kind of what you normally expect here and I think the weather will be pretty good for us, so that's what I expect to get.

Q. Does that kind of like help you with the mindset when you go out there tomorrow, hey, try to get off to a fast start?

BRENDAN STEELE: Yeah, yeah, for sure. I don't know if it helps you. If you par the first three holes, you don't need to freak out, you can kind of keep it under control and know you're going to get your chances. But you definitely know you've got to make a lot of birdies so you have to play very aggressive.

Q. It's hot out there. How do you keep the energy levels up?

BRENDAN STEELE: Yeah, that's tough. I try to work out a little bit in the afternoons and make sure that I'm drinking a lot of water when I'm home in the hotel room. I think that can help me as the day progresses, but there's not a lot of secrets for that.

Q. I'm sure you saw the news back in the west coast where you guys were, some terrible stuff happening there. You must feel for the guys that live there?

BRENDAN STEELE: Yeah, obviously having it happen right after the tournament and with us flying over here, didn't really know what was going on. I've been close to a lot of fire being from southern California, had to evacuate before and it's really scary and just terrible news up there.

Q. Do you have any friends who got close to the last couple of years who were affected by this terrible thing?

BRENDAN STEELE: No, no, it's been okay. My parents had to evacuate again a couple years ago, they came down to stay with us a week, but everything was okay there.