

**ROUND 2 INTERVIEW**  
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**BRANDT SNEDEKER (-13)**



**Q. Brandt, you open with a 66 on Thursday, one better today with a 65. How would you compare the two rounds?**

**BRANDT SNEDEKER:** Pretty similar. I played pretty solid golf all the way around. I only played really two poor shots all day today, was able to get up and down on one hole and didn't get up and down on the other hole. We had a great group, we had a fun time out there. Freddie kind of keeps everybody relaxed and part of the reason why I played so well the first two days is playing with him.

**Q. The putter's been rolling beautifully through two days. When you're locked in like that, what's it like when you're standing over the ball?**

**BRANDT SNEDEKER:** It's fun. You're just trying to get it started on line. If you get it standard on line, you know you have a chance. My speed's been great for two days. These greens can get away from you if you're not paying attention and I've done a good job of making sure my speed control's where it should be and then I've been seeing the lines really well. So poa annua and I get along really, really well, so I kind of enjoy the challenge that they create and hopefully can keep doing it over the weekend.

**Q. Fun watching you and Freddie play. I'll just throw one number at you: You have 195 feet in holed putts for 36 holes.**

**BRANDT SNEDEKER:** That's good. Hopefully I can keep that up for the next two days and I'll be tough to beat. It's always fun to play with Freddie, I don't get to see him enough. So to go out there today, when I made the turn, even though as good as I played, I was still tied with Freddie and there was no way some 59-year-old guy who's semi retired is going to come out here and whip my tail. So we kind of spurred each other on today and had a great time and we saw a bunch of putts go in, which is nice.

**Q. I thought there was some tight hole locations where you really had to be cautious. I explained to all of our listeners how it was a sucker pin at the 12th, don't go at it. You take it right over the top and spin it back. I'm saying 10 yards right of the flagstick is good, you have a kick-in birdie.**

**BRANDT SNEDEKER:** Yeah, it's nice when you have those perfect numbers. I had a perfect lob wedge number there where I knew I had about 10 yards where I could hit it and it would spin and be close. You luck into those over the course of rounds. Seemed like today when things were going well I had a bunch of those good numbers. Of course, in the next 36 holes I'll probably have a few -- I'll have to do that, steer away from it, kind of be smart.

Luckily I'm rolling it so good 25 feet is still makeable.

**Q. You won't remember this, but at Memphis I talked to you and you were so excited. You didn't win the tournament, but you told me it was validation for all the hard work you put in. This summer the momentum just kept building and building and building. This is just a continuation of that?**

**BRANDT SNEDEKER:** It is. I feel like I kind of made some really strong progress in my game the last month and a half, two months of the season and feel like everything's right where I want it to be and feel like I'm back to playing some of the best golf I've played in my career.

So I'm excited about these next couple months out here on Tour. I'm playing a lot and I want to get off to a fast start, hopefully try to finish this thing off. But 36 holes, we have a lot of golf left, a packed leaderboard. Have to do a lot of good things before then.

**Q. Is that like your big brother?**

**BRANDT SNEDEKER:** Yeah, it is. Freddie's everybody's favorite uncle out here. You play on a couple of his teams, you get to know his humor and how even though he claims he's always laid back, he's never laid back. He's always nervous and freaking out.

He sent me some great texts over the last two months. He's always watching us play out here, so it's cool to actually get to play with him in an event and see him play so well. He should be in the last group tomorrow if he was putting somewhat decent. It's scary how good he still hits it at his age. He totally can still win out here. If he played a full schedule out here, I would put money on him to win. He's that kind of talent and it's fun to see him play and enjoying be healthy.

**Q. How about that tempo, what does that do for you to watch that tempo all day?**

**BRANDT SNEDEKER:** It's so nice, he makes everything look so easy. It just drives you crazy because you realize it's not easy, but he just makes it look easy. Never looks hurried or rushed. He still has a ton of speed, that's what people don't realize. He swings easy, but he still hits it really hard. Just a fun guy to be around. Probably part of the reason why I'm leading is playing with him for two days, so might have to try and talk him into coming out and walking the back nine with me tomorrow.

**Q. You don't think you'll be out here shooting 65 when you're 59 years old?**

**BRANDT SNEDEKER:** I would bet a large sum of money it's not going to happen. I think there's very few people in this world who can do that and he's one of them.

**Q. Did it help you kind of stay relaxed these last couple days?**

**BRANDT SNEDEKER:** Yeah, it totally did. It spurred me on. That back nine, the competitor in me didn't want to lose to him, so I kept kind of pushing forward saying I can't let some 59-year-old semi-retired guy come out here and whip my tail the way he's doing it.

**Q. A little side bet?**

**BRANDT SNEDEKER:** No side bet. We don't need side bets. Pride's enough between me and Freddie.

**Q. So playing from ahead is something that you did quite recently?**

**BRANDT SNEDEKER:** Yes.

**Q. And winning from ahead?**

**BRANDT SNEDEKER:** Yeah.

**Q. So that's got to factor in and be a nice little memory going into the weekend?**

**BRANDT SNEDEKER:** Yeah, it's going to be great. This golf course can change a lot the next two days. As gettable as it was today, you could start seeing this afternoon it's firming up. Tomorrow's going to get even firmer, so it's going to be a different kind of race.

There's still a hugely packed leaderboard. Even at Wyndham when I won I had a pretty good lead throughout the course of the weekend. Don't have that same lead here. There's so many guys within three shots of the lead that somebody's going to shoot low tomorrow. I'm going to have to go out there and put a good round together. It's not going to be easy by any stretch of the imagination. It's going to be a tough weekend and this golf course kind of makes you think your way around it. As easy as it's been the first two days, I know it's going to be harder now.

**Q. A three-shot lead is always good, but when Mickelson's name is right there. Does that get your attention?**

**BRANDT SNEDEKER:** Yeah, I sent him a text last night, I gave him a hard time because he told me he was playing terrible, then I saw him make six birdies in a row. I texted him last night and said, "Really, playing terrible, you're a great judge of talent obviously."

Then he goes out today, "Well, I'm not quite confident yet." He's confident now being where he is. Something about him and California, too. He's a great California player, won a bunch in his career here, so I know he'll be there on Sunday with a chance. And when the course gets tougher like this, Phil seems to play better so it will be fun to see.

**Q. Between Phil and Freddie you must feel like you're about 14 years old?**

**BRANDT SNEDEKER:** It feels great. I love those guys, they're great guys to play with. You have a lot of fun. That's a big thing out here on the weekend, things get tight and you get stressed, so when you're playing with guys that you have fun with and look up to like I do those two guys, it will make tomorrow a lot more fun, a lot easier on me.