

BRANDT SNEDEKER (-6)

Q. Well, a clean card to start his opening round here at the Wyndham Championship from the defending champion, Brandt Snedeker. Brandt, how were you able to attack the course today?

BRANDT SNEDEKER: The course was soft this morning, playing the ball in hand. I made a lot of putts out, here which you have to do around here. I knew it was going to take a lot of birdies today. Off to a great start for tomorrow.

Q. Last year you opened with a 59. At any point during your round today where mentally you started thinking, oh, man, I'm basically behind where I was last year?

BRANDT SNEDEKER: Well, you know, funny enough, I birdied the first two holes, 10 and 11, and I was three ahead of where I was last year at this point. Fifty-seven might be in play. Then reality snuck in a little bit. No, I did a good job (inaudible) last year. Last year was a special moment, something I'll always remember.

Q. So you tend to be making hay at the same courses over and over again, kind of like Tiger did in his prime.

BRANDT SNEDEKER: Yeah, I think Tiger won at one golf course as many times as I've won in my whole career, so he's got me beat there a little bit.

No, definitely, I'm definitely a horse for a course. This golf course kind of sets up perfectly for me, I love it, I know how to play it, so no real big surprises out there. I'm playing pretty well, played really well on the weekend last weekend, felt like I got on something really good and hit it pretty good today. Greens were perfect, so made a few putts early, got some confidence going.

Most importantly, I didn't make a bogey, which you're going to have to try to limit those this week because there's going to be a lot of birdies and you can't afford to give any back to the field.

Q. On the subject of Tiger, have you been in touch with him at all regarding Australia, Presidents Cup, all that stuff?

BRANDT SNEDEKER: Not really. We text back and forth about other things, but not really about that. I've got to go out and play some good golf. I need to win some golf tournaments and kind of get my game to where I feel like I would be a deserving pick. Right now I played a pretty solid year, but I haven't done -- you need to win. Go out there and win golf

tournaments, win big events. I'm playing good enough to do it now, so I'm excited about the next month, see how I can wrap up the season.

Q. What's your mentality going into tomorrow after a day that was pretty good?

BRANDT SNEDEKER: Yeah, I have to make a lot more birdies, that's what it boils down to. For me, I'm going to go hit a few balls to try to really make sure I hit the ball in the fairway the rest of the week. You have to do that around here. Got a lot of opportunities for birdie, and the way I'm rolling it, I like my chances. So go take care of the long game a little bit and you're good to go.

Q. Were you downtown when it was raining as hard as it was last night and were you thinking that you might be delayed this morning?

BRANDT SNEDEKER: I was in my hotel and I got the flood alert on my phone and I was like, it wasn't raining at the hotel I was staying at, so I didn't really understand it. But I found out this morning they got seven inches of rain downtown and all kinds of stuff. So obviously thoughts are with everybody that got damage from that. We're just lucky it didn't get out here too bad.

Q. No 59?

BRANDT SNEDEKER: I started birdie-birdie and I thought, well, I'm three shots ahead of where I was last year at this point. Then reality struck after that, wasn't able to keep the momentum going. But I'll take three more rounds just like this and be content with it.