

BRENDON de JONGE (-5)

Q. Can you just talk highlights, comments about your round?

BRENDON de JONGE: I made a bunch of putts. I made a lot of long putts on the front nine and then was kind of able to just hang on for the last few holes.

Q. There was a discussion in here about how you got into the tournament. How did you?

BRENDON de JONGE: I had a phone call from Hollis on Monday morning seeing if I wanted to play. I think he had given Tim Herron a sponsor exemption and Tim got in on his number and that opened up an exemption. So Hollis called me Monday morning. I was like ready to get on the tractor and go mow the fields.

Q. Where were you?

BRENDON de JONGE: At home.

Q. Where is that?

BRENDON de JONGE: North Carolina, outside Charlotte.

Q. Did that surprise you?

BRENDON de JONGE: A little bit, yeah. It was a pleasant surprise obviously and I'm very grateful to Hollis.

Q. You played once before this year, correct? How have you stayed sharp?

BRENDON de JONGE: I haven't. It was two hands on the wheel all day today. I just managed to get around, to be honest. I'm not sharp at all, but it was a pleasant surprise.

Q. What did you do during the pandemic break?

BRENDON de JONGE: Enjoyed being home. I spent a lot of time at home. It's been nice to kind of reacquaint myself with my wife and kids. It's actually been very, very enjoyable, to be honest.

Q. Did you spend a lot of time on the tractor?

BRENDON de JONGE: Yeah, a lot of time on the tractor, a lot of time in the fields. We've got some land, so it's easy to stay busy out there.

Q. What do you have in the fields?

BRENDON de JONGE: Just taking care of them, just grass and stuff. We've got goats, horses, chickens. It's a hobby farm operation.

Q. How surprised by this round are you?

BRENDON de JONGE: Very, very. Obviously a pleasant surprise. I didn't quite know what to expect. The last tournament I played was Puerto Rico, so that's the beginning of February, I think. So it was a pleasant surprise.

Q. How hard is it to find the rhythm again?

BRENDON de JONGE: It's hard. Obviously playing every week, that comes easily. When you're not playing but here and there, which I have been the last few years, it's difficult. That's probably the hardest thing is to get into that rhythm.

Q. The putter was the best explanation for what you had working today?

BRENDON de JONGE: Yeah, very much so. I made a lot of long putts on the front nine. I hit a couple in there close, but I made a couple of long putts. Then made a couple long putts to save bogey on 16.

Q. Did you work specifically in that area these last months?

BRENDON de JONGE: No, not really. Just one of those days I just putted well. Haven't worked specifically on anything really. I've been playing some social golf, but not a lot. As I say, pleasant surprise.