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**Q. Take us through the round. A bit of an up-and-down day, but a nice finish with a birdie.**

**BRENDAN STEELE:** Yeah, this was a day that I've been concerned about for quite a while. I'm from California, I do not play in the rain. When it rains, I stay inside. My game doesn't usually translate that well to the weather, but I was feeling good about my game yesterday and I was just happy to hold it together today.

**Q. So obviously softer conditions today, but the course was still showing a bit of a bite today. Talk about the course conditions and how different that was.**

**BRENDAN STEELE:** Yeah, I mean, just playing so long with the temperature and the water. Our bodies don't move quite the same at this temperature. There's so many long shots. I know the course isn't that long on the scorecard, but you're hitting so many long shots and so many hard shots that it really takes it out of you on a day like today.

**Q. And of course you're a little bit closer to Hideki, he's got a two-shot lead on you right now. What's it going to take to play spoiler to the hometown favorite?**

**BRENDAN STEELE:** I mean, it's going to take a lot. Obviously Hideki's a world-class player, he's been great for a long time, but you never know. I'm feeling good about my game and if I do my thing, I feel like I'm going to have a chance. All you can ask for is to have a chance to make a few great swings at the end and maybe it goes your way.

**Q. What's been the best part of your game that's translated to play well in such different conditions each day for the first two rounds?**

**BRENDAN STEELE:** I think it was a little bit of everything. Yesterday I started out and I holed my wedge on the first hole. There was another tough wedge on 14 that I hit really close. So wedges were good, driver was good and I holed a couple putts. Today I had to clean up a lot around the hole, like a lot of four- to six-footers for par. You start missing those and the score adds up quick and you get down on yourself, so being able to make those was really big today.