

BRENDON TODD (-7)

Q. Brendon, 7-under 64, nice start. A nice little stretch there. Give us an assessment of the day.

BRENDON TODD: Yeah, it was a really good day. The golf course is a little bit wide off the tee, so for me, I was able to hit a lot of fairways. I seem to be putting well here on this Paspalum grass at the Mayakoba and now here. The first nine I hit it close in there a couple times, got a couple easy birdies. Then that birdie on 4 where I hit the 5-wood in there to a foot, that was just kind of a big momentum birdie there going into the shorter holes. We had 6, the par 5, where I was able to hit it in there close and the drivable 7th I was able to hit it in front of the green there close and make the putt. Really solid round all the way around.

Q. You mentioned Mayakoba. Having won there and coming to Mexico again and when you first saw this golf course, did it sort of fit your eye right from the get-go?

BRENDON TODD: Well, I heard it was a Greg Norman design and Mexico Paspalum grass, so I'm like I'm definitely going. When I showed up and found out it's 7,500 yards and wide open, I'm like maybe not.

I would say my mindset coming into the round and the week is kind of one of low expectations, just go keep doing what I'm doing, build momentum in my game, which I've been doing everything pretty well; driving it straight, hitting my irons and wedges good and the putting's starting to come around. This week was really about just continuing to play well and see what happens. First year at a golf course you never know what's going to happen.

Q. What would you point to as your best part of the game today and then your best shot?

BRENDON TODD: It was my approach play, I think. I just hit a lot of good irons and woods into the greens that left me with manageable two-putts and a couple tap -- in birdies. For me, I think it was the approach play.

Q. Do you have a favorite shot?

BRENDON TODD: The 5-wood into 4 was sensational. I just hammered a 5-wood from 236 into the wind and it caught the downslope and fed in there to a foot, so that was probably the shot of the day.

Q. Is it one of those things where the course is long on paper but there's a lot of different guys with different length off the tee on the top of the board. What would be

your kind of take on why that is and how much length may or may not be an advantage here?

BRENDON TODD: Length is definitely an advantage, but you're going to see guys of all types play well just because whenever there's wind and receptive greens and no rough, anybody can access any pin from anywhere. So if a shorter hitter is four clubs behind the other guy, I can still stuff a 4-iron or a 5-wood in there to a reasonable place, whereas at major championships and some of the firmer golf courses, you're just not holding the green with those long clubs, whereas they're holding the green with their 7-iron. I think the softer greens allow everybody to access pins.

Q. Bermuda, Mayakoba here, what is it about this type of vibe that kind of suits you and just this --

BRENDON TODD: Yeah, I think warm weather is always something I've thrived in. Wind, I tend to hit the ball solid and straight, so the wind isn't going to maybe knock me way out of it. And I think these are resort golf courses that just aren't quite as hard. Slower greens, maybe not as many penalty shots off the tee or something, there's got to be something to why I play good at the resort courses.

Q. What was it like seeing Sepp Straka break through for his (inaudible)?

BRENDON TODD: Yeah, it was amazing. I was there to greet him when he got to the clubhouse. We were staying together that week. Just such a great guy, a really hard worker. You know, his game's been coming on lately and I was excited to see him get that first win.

Q. Who's the better Yahtzee player?

BRENDON TODD: Man, he's really good. He has his days. Actually, the morning of Friday and Sunday of that week he just whacks me in Yahtzee. So he had the momentum that week, he had the hot hand and it paid off.

Q. You played the morning of the final round?

BRENDON TODD: Yes, yeah.

Q. And he carried that to the course?

BRENDON TODD: Exactly.