

# The 150th Open

Mixed Zone

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**Brad Kennedy**



## **Q. Tell us about the emotions?**

BRAD KENNEDY: I was just trying to get through the day. The breeze switched on us on 7 and the back nine. I'd only experienced that probably 15 years ago playing the Dunhill.

So a couple of practise rounds and walking, playing out of the breeze, I sort of had to really change some lines and I was just really focusing on just really trying to hit my lines and finish lines.

And there were certainly some couple of things floating in my head, but I had to dig deep and managed to dig deep on 7 and 8. And I think I was comfortable through the middle of the round. Early on I tried to press a little bit too hard with a couple of holes into the breeze. And managed to make a nice birdie on 7, which sort of settled me down a little bit and played really nicely through 8, 9, 10, 11.

And yeah, just a couple of fairway traps for me. Like the fairway on 13, those fairway traps -- knew they were there, and I was trying to sort of guide it off of it but hit it straight in. Just got penalized there and managed to get my way through.

## **Q. Walking down 18, just take a moment to soak it in, what you've achieved --**

BRAD KENNEDY: I didn't really soak it in until -- I just looked at my second shot and I could have hit eight different shots. And I chose one that I thought was going to get it the closest. And I thought I hit a perfect shot and just hit the downslope.

It was, I think tonight with a cold drink and just sort of understand what a place like this is, but at the end of the day I've still got a job to do. I've got 36 holes. Sure, I'm a fair way back, but this place can do anything.

I'll be out there probably sometime lunchtime. I'll be trying to -- the key for me around any tournament I'm playing now is to how far can I push myself mentally to be able to hit the shots that are required to play under pressure and felt like I've probably taken another step this week.

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