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Mixed Zone

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Bryson DeChambeau



Q. You gave it another good go today.

BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU: Yeah, I played well. Past three days I've been playing some great golf. I've been stripping it.

Just 12 was a big mistake, and then 13 I had a great shot, and I plugged in the bunker, got the best of me there. Made a great birdie on 14. Then 15, poor tee shot. 16, poor tee shot. 17, great shot, didn't get up-and-down. Just didn't really get anything going after the front nine.

A little disappointing, but my game's in a great place. I'm still proud of the resilience that I had. Wish I could have done more today to give myself a better chance for tomorrow, but that's golf. I should have played better the first day.

Q. Did you think when you made the turn that --

BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU: Yes, yeah, 100 percent. I was trying to go 4 or 5 on the back nine. Could have birdied 11, should have birdied 12. Par 13, birdie 14, birdie 17, right there. I mean, that's 6-under, and I'm four back of the lead. Scottie may shoot 5 or 6 today, you don't know. But it's doable out there. He could also have some bad holes out there, you never know.

Man, that was -- eh, what could have been. I need to have more control of my golf ball out there. Tee shot on the 1st didn't really help.

Q. Were you put on the clock officially?

BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU: Yeah, I was on 17.

Q. That's one of those things from like outside the ropes we're looking from afar and we have no really clue who's being communicated to. Could you fill us in on how it went down.

BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU: Yeah, he timed me on 17 after I striped the drive down there. 16, difficult hole, got up-and-down in a difficult spot. Understand we were struggling with pace the whole day. I was moving my butt as fast as I could. Greens were really tricky. I was trying to read them right.

Yeah, we just kept losing time. Unfortunately on the 16-17 exchange, you've got a downhill drivable hole you can play pretty quick if you get in the right spot. They did that, and we just lost more time to the group in front of us, and they put us on the clock, which is unfortunate.

Q. As a player who has looked at ways of changing the game or trying to venture into new worlds of the game, like pace of play just never seems to be something that can get figured out. Is it one of those things?

BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU: It's very simple. It's not difficult at all. You eventually time everybody for their whole entire round. Very simple. Nobody wants to do it -- because people are too scared to get exposed, which I am an advocate for. I'd love to be timed, and I have no problem with that.

My putting, I'm more deliberate, take more time on that, but when it comes to iron shots, off the tee, I'm pretty fast. It's like D.J., he's really slow on the putting greens, and then he's incredibly fast on his full swing shots, second shots into it.

Everybody plays a different style of game, and that's just the way it is. I wish it was just a new system.

Q. What do you think we would find out in that system? I know it's hypothetical.

BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU: Well, I think it would be more fair towards everybody. If somebody is playing slower, the guy can go up to him and say, hey, man, you're over par with your time. All you do is you just time them for every single shot. He gets there and puts the bag down, and how long it takes him to hit that shot and how long it takes him to walk to the green. It's not rocket science.

You time how long someone takes individually, and then you separate that from the other person playing. You start/stop on him the whole entire thing. It's one way. I'm not saying it's the answer. I'm definitely not somebody that has the most experience or knowledge on it. If somebody has a different way of monitoring it, I hope --

They make it? Yeah.

I hope there's a better system out there at some point in time.



Q. Do you think there's anything really that would make up that much time?

BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU: Yeah, I truly believe so. Once you start penalising individuals for consecutive over -- taking too much time. I can tell you, first two rounds it was out of control what I saw. That's the way people play.

Long story short, one day I hope we can have a better system.

Q. Can you talk about -- obviously the majors are important no matter what Tour you're playing on. Now that this is the end of the major season and we're not going to see anybody playing a major until April, how disappointing is that to leave here and not have gotten --

BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU: I could shoot 58 tomorrow, you never know. I'm kidding. (Laughter).

Yeah, it's a long time, but it gives me a lot of time to get ready for next year. This go round, this off-season, I do truly believe that I'll have the resources and technology to get exactly what I'll need for next year's major season. I was not prepared this year. I tried, but it didn't work.

Q. Do you think you'll have it ready for the Ryder Cup?

BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU: I think we'll have a very good shot at being ready for the Ryder Cup, which would be awesome. We're looking at early September to have everything kind of ready.

Q. On the ball front is what you're saying?

BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU: Yeah.

Q. Does that make things --

BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU: It doesn't go out of bounds on 1 today. I mean, there's -- No. 10, it doesn't fly farther left and land next to the hole and spin down the hill. It just gets -- because it's so high up in the air, I try to flight it, and it starts to knuckle at some point. It just doesn't work with my grooves and just the way I'm striking it. So it's difficult for me to control.

What I was going to say is like those errors don't happen as much -- yeah, will I still hit offline? 100 percent. But it won't get hit by the wind as much.

Q. Is it too preemptive for you to talk to Keegan about that, the alternate shot stuff where you wouldn't want someone else's ball and they wouldn't want yours?

BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU: We'll see if they like it. Look, I can play a 25x if I have to. I don't have a problem being malleable with it. Look, if I get on the team or I'm chosen or whatever happens, I think it would be a pretty sick duo. Yeah, we'd have a lot of fun on that 1st tee.

Q. I'm curious if you've experimented with pre-salting those balls, finding the balance?

BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU: I've done all of that. Maxfli actually does that. They say they do that with their golf balls. I don't know. It gives me a little bit of an edge but makes me shoot 7-over first round. I don't know.

Q. I know you've got one round to go, but how has your Northern Ireland experience been this week?

BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU: It's been nice this week. We're on the beach this week. I'm going down to the beach. I think we're going to go to Giant's Causeway. That will be fun. Going to check that out, then hit some golf balls and get ready for the final stretch of LIV golf for me.

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