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Crushers GC

Bryson DeChambeau

Press Conference

THE MODERATOR: Let's welcome Bryson DeChambeau, the captain of Crushers GC. Bryson, today you fired off a 66, 4-under today. You're currently tied for eighth place. The Crushers are leading at 12-under. Tell us a little bit about your day.

BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU: We played good as a team. So I'm proud of the boys, proud of Paul for playing as well as he did. Disappointed I finished the way I did. I know Baan didn't finish the way he wanted to, either. There's some stuff we've got to work on, but all in all, I feel really proud of the boys, and it's so much fun to play team golf.

Q. We've talked about this course; on first look people wouldn't assume this would be a course that would suit your game --

BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU: It's not, actually. My wedges are not great right now. I've got to figure that out. I think this golf course is really unique and cool. There's a lot of holes you can get after it, but you've got to have your iron play just on point. If it's not, you're going to get penalized.

It wasn't terrible, obviously, but I just have higher expectations for myself. I just continue to work. I've got to keep working. It's obviously not fully there yet.

Q. Obviously Paul was in a playoff last year to almost win it. He's currently sitting at 7-under, clubhouse leader. What are your first reactions and thoughts on Paul?

BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU: I'm happy for Paul being at 7-under, but I'm going to come kick his ass here by the end of this week.

Q. What happened last year after the playoff? Did you talk to Paul? Was there a sense of disappointment or was there like, hey, came close?

BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU: Yeah, it's obviously disappointment and also we came close, he came close. I



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know he wants to win out here. He's got an incredible game, and he hasn't won in a while, and he wants to prove that.

So he's got a little bit of fire in his belly right now. It's good. He loves this golf course. It's a great golf course. A lot of great players out here, though. You can go deep. If you get on a hot streak and your wedges are working well and you're rolling the putter, you can go 5-, 6-, 7-under pretty easy like Paul did.

Two more days. Proud of him. Still a lot of golf left.

Q. You talked about this course doesn't maybe suit your game, but you've really got a team of shot makers behind you. It seems like the course fits your team.

BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU: Yeah, I think it fits our team pretty well. We are very strategic. We think we are methodical. We go through a process pretty consistently. We know what to expect. I think that's what's so great about this golf course is it doesn't really fit one style of play. You can have a bomber play well; you can have Abe Ancer win last year. It doesn't really fit anybody.

I think Paul just being the ball striker he is, the Popeye forearms and great iron player, he loves this place. It's an iron player's paradise.

Q. I was just wondering, are you one for team talks before the start of the tournament, and was there anything in particular you said this morning?

BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU: Oh, I say it every single time we're on the range about to go off, just go kick some ass. Go have some fun, kick some butt. That's about it. I let them do their work. They're a lot older than me and a lot wiser than me. I almost rely on them sometimes more than giving them a little pep talk.

Q. What are you going to go do on the range?

BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU: I'm going to pound as many wedges as I possibly can. Not drivers, wedges this time. That's a surprise. That means something good is happening, I guess, with my driving.



