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The Club at Steyn City

Crushers GC

Bryson DeChambeau

Paul Casey

Anirban Lahiri III

Charles Howell III

Press Conference



were rooting for the Southern Guards, but you seemed to be one of their own this week.

BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU: Yeah, it was much appreciated. I can't thank you enough for all the love that you guys have given the Crushers and myself. It was funny, on the back nine there, I felt for the first time in a while, there was massive chanting for Gracey, and I was like, whoa, okay, that's different. All right, I love this. I love it. I think it's great. It's your home country, right? That's the way it should be.

THE MODERATOR: Let's welcome back to the media center our individual and team champions for LIV Golf South Africa 2026, Bryson DeChambeau and Crushers GC.

Q. Bryson, obviously going back-to-back, you seemed very emotional after the win. What was going through your mind then?

BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU: Just grateful. It's been a tough few weeks. It's not always sunshine and rainbows. But I can tell you that having these three great people up here and my caddie and the team around me really helped me persevere on through tough moments.

A lot of it was just stuff that I can't really explain, but ultimately, I'll tell you that I'm super grateful for how this has all played out, and I'm super emotional.

I really don't have much more to say other than these guys stepped up today. I knew they could. I know we're probably one of the best teams if not the best team in golf. I knew that they had it in them today, and it was cool to see them behind the green as I was finishing up on the last hole, knowing that I needed to get up-and-down out of -- it was a 54-yard shot again that I did not hit to four feet this time.

But I got up-and-down, and I was proud of the fact I showed some resilience there and knocked it right in the hole and did what I did in the playoff.

So just gratitude.

Q. Can you talk about the way the crowd, the fans here in South Africa, accepted you? Obviously they

I knew I was going to be in for a battle today and we all knew that, and the rain showed up, and it became difficult. I think that the support is, first off, unbelievable, and what I hope people can see LIV Golf as being. This is what we all came over here to do is do something a little different. We're a team up here; we won. It's great to win the individual side. It's amazing.

But getting that team victory was just as sweet as well. When I knew that we had won after making that two-and-a-half-footer, I went over there and hugged my guys straight away and said, let's go, congrats, great job. I still had a playoff to go. Because it means that much.

I think the more that people can see what LIV Golf is about is that. It's not just individuals, it's a team. I think that's what's so special about it.

Going back to the Southern Guards, I've got to give my literal hat off to the Southern Guards and South Africa this week for showing up because they really showed what a LIV Golf event could and should be.

Q. Just that shot on the playoff hole, that shot into the green, how much did you have in, and was it your 3-wood?

BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU: Yeah, it was 295, and it was a 3-wood. It was funny, I've practiced that shot quite a bit in a lot of my Break 50s, just teeing off from the reds and having 3-woods from 300 yards. So I felt like I was pretty

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comfortable in that situation.

I knew just get it there, get it close up next to the hole, and I striped it. It came out just a little lower than I wanted but had not that much spin on it. It landed on the fringe and bounced all the way up there. I striped it, and one of the best shots of my life. That 3-wood has been nice for the past two playoffs.

Q. Bryson, you couldn't have scripted it better, I suppose --

BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU: Well, Southern Guards...

Q. Well, that leads on to my question. Do you feel any kind of obligation now to work on your Afrikaans?

BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU: Oh, man. Yeah, obviously I need some help. Can somebody help me? Just tell me the good words; you know what I mean. No, I'm kidding.

Yeah, I don't know. I think there's maybe a little bit. I need to learn how to do my formal greetings and everything now. Maybe Gracey and Louis and all them can help.

Q. We've chatted a lot this week --

BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU: Yes, we have.

Q. But it's all been amazing. It really has. There's a lot of Bryson questions, but there's four of you. Thanks for making this week one of the best weeks we've had as a country, as sports fans. I've cried a lot today. I really have. I've cried a lot this week --

BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU: Don't make me cry.

Q. I got you, brother. Anirban, brother, what a round of golf.

ANIRBAN LAHIRI: Thank you.

Q. It's probably difficult to play in a team with one of the biggest names in golf, in the same way it is probably easy to play in a team with one of the biggest names in golf because he's come through for you so many times, but you came through in a huge way today. It was crushing for us in a lot of ways, obviously, but the best team won, and the best man won. What did you go into today wanting to achieve, because you were outstanding?

ANIRBAN LAHIRI: I think I went into today with the same mindset and attitude that I go into every day, to be honest. But it was nice to have found some rhythm and momentum

yesterday.

It's been a tough year. I've put a lot of work in and I haven't had anything to show for it, and I got comfortable yesterday after a long time. I was just trying to do the same thing, keep it simple. I was enjoying myself out there, enjoying the crowds, enjoying the event.

I was talking to OG a little bit before and said I Bumrah'd you guys.

Q. Too soon, mate. Please, you've done enough, brother. Please don't bring up cricket, as well.

ANIRBAN LAHIRI: I'm sorry.

Q. You were saying, before you destroyed my self-esteem --

ANIRBAN LAHIRI: You brought in the Proteas, so I'm just like going with that flow.

To answer the first part of your question, Bryson is larger than life to the golfing world, but to the four of us, he's a brother. And he's a child, as well, with us. It's a fact.

But we've kind of seen him evolve into this animal on the golf course. He's been demonstrating it for the last few years.

It's always great to be on a team with Paul and Charles, who really the three of us, we've really come together. This is our fifth year. We've been unchanged from when we came together in Boston. Through thick and thin, there's been a lot of ups and downs.

I think this team win is extra special. You saw the emotion from Bryson. I think for all of us it's been a tough year. We got used to playing well. We got used to winning. We came out this year and we've been far from our best. Bryson, of course, has had an unbelievable season.

I think the four of us have all pulled together and given our best out there despite not having our best sometimes. Paul alluded to that. I'm very, very proud to be a Crusher.

Q. Chuck, you laid the foundation on the first two days, so massive credit to you. Paul, great golf throughout the week. Bryson, the 18th green there was lots of tears. It's obvious it was about something much bigger. I saw the Reebok feature come out a couple of days ago. What was that about?

BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU: Just a lot of emotion. Numerous things. Stuff I can't talk about, stuff I'm not

going to talk about and then stuff that I can talk about, which is obviously my dad. It's been a few years now, and I think it's time for people to see that I'm not just a scientific robot guy. I care a lot. I have a lot of passion. I care about the game. I care about people watching. I care about entertaining. I care about my team. I care about pretty much everything in life.

When you have moments in life that aren't easy, it's really nice to have had a father that can give you that perseverance and that wisdom to say, don't quit. Don't ever quit. You've just got to keep going.

It was true. There was another moment on 16 that happened with a fan out there that did something to me that made me literally cry as I was walking up to the 16th tee. That's when the storm got really heavy, and it just gave me that perseverance and that gratitude to go, you know what, no matter what happens I'm going to be okay.

There's more to life than just golf. It honestly relaxed me a lot in that moment. It was getting difficult. It was getting tough, and it was brutal. That emotion was a lot of built-up, pent-up (tearing up) -- I wish I could tell you guys, but I can't. There's just a lot going on. There's a lot going on.

I love everybody for it, and I love my team for it. I love all the people back at home. It's just been tough.

Life is not easy sometimes. Losing my dad wasn't easy. Going through what I'm going through isn't easy. But everybody has it, and that's why I've such a great team here to give me a lot.

ANIRBAN LAHIRI: Golf is easy for him, though. That's what's easy.

BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU: No, it's not.

Q. Paul, obviously not a stranger to South African fairways, but a victory here with the Crushers, you become the most decorated team on LIV. How does it feel coming back to South Africa for yourself but then winning with your team here, where does it rank in terms of your many victories?

PAUL CASEY: I was definitely a stranger to the fairways this week because I couldn't find them. Made good friends with the rough all week.

This was right up there. This was a lot of things.

To what Bryson has kind of spoken about, yes, we became the winningest team in LIV this week, but we became more of a team. We've had a journey sort of that's wandered a

little bit, but the emotion you see out of Bryson and the four of us on the 18th green, we became very much -- solidified us as a team today. It was a really big day for us.

For some of those that know, my dad is South African. He has a British passport now, but he grew up in Cape Town. My brother was born in JoBurg in Hillbrow in the '70s. The rumors are I was conceived here, but I was apparently born in England, so there's always been that -- you know, Burmy and those guys always give me a little, hey, if you want to jump teams, come to the Southern Guards. I can be kind of the mascot or something, the half guy.

So this means a lot. I've been to South Africa many, many times. My parents are in Cape Town right now on holiday, and there was relatives who came out and saw me, cuzzies who came and saw me this week.

This is important for me. This has got a special place in my heart. To see this scene today -- actually just all week, the Southern Guards were amazing, Louis and those guys said, this is what we're going to do, and then they followed through, and thanks to everybody, the government and the country and the fans to make this what it was.

There's always -- this is up there. This might be better than Adelaide. That might upset some people down in Australia, but those scenes on 18 were just fantastic. Yeah. Those made the hairs on my neck stand up, and those are the sort of scenes -- majors and -- that was like a Ryder Cup type feeling to it, the passion out there, team-against-team kind of thing.

So it was awesome. I've had so much fun this week, and although I was kind of the supporting role not being on the fairways, this was a very, very special victory for me, so thank you for letting me answer that in full. Thank you.

Q. Charles, you were up here on Thursday after round 1. You've seen Bryson just go through the emotion and come out victorious, as well as the team victory. You go into a tournament planning to win it all, but to finally be sitting up here on a Sunday afternoon after the championship round, what does that mean to you?

CHARLES HOWELL III: First of all, I think it's one of the great things of LIV Golf that we do have a team. I don't know about the other guys; I feel more pressure playing for others than I do myself. Maybe that's whatever an issue with me, but I don't want to let them down.

Yes, we're trying to win the golf tournament, and probably if we could maybe selfishly just focus on our own games, the team would be better. But there is the pressure there of oh, man, we're up near the top here, I don't want to let

these guys down, I need to make a birdie, whatever. It's awesome. As Bryson alluded to, life isn't perfect; you're not immune to being a human being if you're a good golfer.

Bryson has found an incredible way of playing through a lot of adversity and things, which makes him all the more special.

To be here in South Africa, my gosh, this crowd support and fans. My other experience here was the 2003 Presidents Cup. It felt very similar, the odd guy out getting yelled at. But yeah, it's just incredible. You love your sport down here, and we'll look forward to coming back next year.

Q. We started the week finding out that Bryson was 10 years old when you were here playing the Presidents Cup. That was how it started.

CHARLES HOWELL III: Yes.

Q. I think at the end of the day, your career is going to be one of the most fascinating to see the eras you've gone through. You played with peak Tiger. You know him; you've been around that time. You're now playing with peak Bryson DeChambeau. What are some of the similarities or maybe some of the unique differences that make these two players what they are?

BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU: Please don't compare me to Tiger. I don't want to --

Q. Just give me similarities. Help me out here.

CHARLES HOWELL III: I played with Caleb Surratt the first day, and he told me he wasn't born when we played the Presidents Cup here, so that's quite humbling.

No, the greats, and I can speak to Tiger and to Bryson, have this ability to switch everything off and play golf completely fearlessly no matter what may happen. They just have this ruthless nature about them to not want to beat you by one or two but beat you by three or four or five.

You could see Bryson grinding to make that eagle putt in the playoff. I'd have just gone up there and lagged the thing and been done with it, but he's down there grinding. He's a little bit low-key upset he left it short and missed it.

They also hit it extremely far for their era and their generation. They're both phenomenal putters. There's a lot of similarities in that.

But I think it's more the mental ability for them to switch into a different mindset and different mode, to do anything to

win. I saw it with Tiger, completely ruthless, and it's in this one, as well.

PAUL CASEY: I'd just add to that because I'm older than Charles. The greats who can do things, you just kind of scratch your head at sometimes. There's a list of players, and Tiger was -- I played in that same era, as well, and occasionally he'd pull things out, and you'd just go, I understand the game, I can hit a lot of great shots, but I can't do that. The 3-wood on 18, I can't do that. I'm not sure there's anybody else in this field who can hit that shot, or maybe on the planet who can hit that shot.

Q. Bryson, you've been spending a lot of time signing autographs for the kids out here, and I heard a story about a youngster who got a signature from Ernie Els and that's what prompted him to play golf. How important was it for you, because it really was a lot longer and the kids have been coming specifically for you. For all of you, was there a moment in your career, and just tell me why was it important for you?

BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU: Yeah, it's super important. LIV gives the opportunity to inspire kids across the globe.

When I was 11 year old, I'll never forget, with my dad at River Bend Golf Club, it's now called Dragonfly, it was the SaveMart Shootout, and Peter Jacobsen and Sign Boy, Nick Watney, Jason Gore numerous other players were there, Arnold Palmer was there, Nancy Lopez, Annika Sorenstam. They were all there for this charity event.

I somehow got lucky enough to go up and hit a few shots in front of everybody, in front of the pros and all the guests there. I just got to hit three shots in front of them, and it was the most nerve-racking moment in my entire life as an 11 year old. You get up there and you see all these pros, these guys that have won, major champions, and this whole crowd staring at you, and you've got Peter Jacobsen and Sign Boy just giving you a bunch of crap.

I get up there, super nervous, and I'll never forget just swinging the golf club and not being able to feel my hands, and I striped three drives right down the middle. You could lay a blanket over them at that time. They were great shots.

I'll never forget walking off, and every single one of those professionals came over and signed my hat and said, we'll see you out there one day. That's why I do it. Because I hope to inspire somebody like that.

Q. Towards the end there, the playoff with Jon Rahm there, when he hit that ball into the bunker, what was going through your head?

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BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU: I need to make eagle. I need to make the 12-footer. Then when he hit it out short, I was a little shocked. I thought he would hit it up there closer to like three or four feet. It's a tough bunker shot, though. I know. I almost didn't get out.

Then when he missed it and the ball just kind of wobbled and bounced a little bit, my mind immediately switched to, okay, don't leave yourself a three-footer. Get it up there.

I did want to make it, but at the last moment, I'm like, just die it up there, just hit it close. When he hit it in the bunker, I was shocked. Maybe the ball spun a little bit more. I don't know what happened. He hit a big cut in there and it just came up short, and that granted me the opportunity to make a 12-footer for eagle, and that's all I was focused on.

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