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Colonial CC

Brendon Todd

Quick Quotes

Q. A bogey-free 65 on a day like this, talk about the feel coming in.

BRENDON TODD: Well, I got off to that great start with the eagle-birdie start. I had seen some guys go out in the morning, get off to fast starts. Zach Johnson, Sam Burns, Lee Hodges all were maybe 3-under through three, as well, so I knew it was out there.

Really it's just kind of about not necessarily hanging on but just making sure you continue to play smart golf and don't go out there and try and birdie every hole and maybe shoot yourself in the foot by playing too aggressive. I did a good job of managing the wind and the golf course and scrambled pretty well there on the back nine.

Q. At 8 you got your second 30-foot birdie putt of the day but then just played it in the rest of the way?

BRENDON TODD: Exactly. Unfortunately, I missed a few greens with wedges on the back nine, and so that took maybe some of the good birdie chances I would have had away from me. But all in all, like you said, 65 on Sunday, low round of the day so far, I'll take it every time. I'm excited about tomorrow.

Q. How much more was this a Colonial round as opposed to what we had yesterday and a little bit on Thursday?

BRENDON TODD: Absolutely, yeah. You kind of expect to come to Texas, especially the Dallas/Fort Worth area and the wind blow. When I won the Byron Nelson in 2014 it was hot and firm and windy, and that seems to be my favorite conditions. Hopefully we get more of it tomorrow.

Q. Surely with the winds today you had some pretty extreme results off of shots, shots that carried a lot farther or didn't go. Can you give me a couple of examples?

BRENDON TODD: Sure. On 16, I think it was playing 168 -- 165 to the pin and it was downwind, and Mito hit 9-iron

and it flew 185 and went over the green. So he's a club longer than me. I was pretty sure I was going to hit 9-iron anyways, so my 9-iron flies about 148 and it flew 168 there. That was a 20-yard help there on No. 16.

The rest of the round was mostly crosswinds, so I didn't have too many situations where I was hitting two or three extra clubs into the wind, it was mostly just one extra club of wind. Like on 13 it was in off the left and we were hitting 7- and 8-irons from 158 which is usually a pretty smooth 8-iron for us. Yeah, I mean, the wind was whipping, and it was good to get out there and keep the ball in play and make some birdies.

Q. You told Rex that this is your favorite course on TOUR; are you better in the wind at Colonial do you feel than in calm conditions?

BRENDON TODD: Well, I generally feel like a little bit of wind helps me shape shots into the greens and not put pressure on myself to feel like I have to birdie every hole.

It just seems like when we get calm conditions out here, guys go crazy. But it's almost the opposite for me. A little bit of wind allows me to use the wind to shape shots into the pins and stay patient. That's the key.

Q. Why is Colonial your favorite course? What is it about it?

BRENDON TODD: Well, because I can compete on it. Length is not as big of an advantage here as other weeks. I love the shot making about this golf course. You have to shape some tee shots left to right and right to left.

You have to be really smart into the greens. I remember John Cook saying one year he won here and he tried to hit the middle of the green every time, so that's something I keep in mind out there. Most no matter what club you have, if you can get the ball to the bigger part of the green and have a putt at it, you're doing your job.

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