

# Myrtle Beach Classic

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## Brandt Snedeker

### Press Conference

THE MODERATOR: Congratulations, Brant Snedeker. 2026 ONEflight Myrtle Beach Classic champion. Number six for you. You knocked it off. It's been, what, eight years, first victory. I guess the first question is how do you feel? What were the last 30 minutes like for you emotionally?

BRANDT SNEDEKER: Yeah, it's been a roller coaster. I feel amazing. I feel so lucky to still be out here still doing what I love to do, to have a chance to win a golf tournament at my age and to be able to pull it out is something super special. I'm just so pumped. I don't know what else to say.

But I've had a lot going on this year obviously with Presidents Cup stuff and getting to be around the guys. It really pushed me a lot. It did. Saying Gary Woodland win a few weeks ago in Houston and seeing the old guys play well and the young guys push them, it's been fun to get back in the swing of things and play some good golf.

I know people don't think I been playing that great, but I been playing pretty good. Just kind of have not been able to put four rounds together, and this week I did.

So excited for what the next little bit holds, and going to really enjoy tonight and celebrate this. Ten wins out here is a huge accomplishment for me, and super excited about it.

THE MODERATOR: Just talk about the round today. You got yourself in contention. You were bogey-free. You got to 16. I just wanted to hear the last three holes from you. Really, that putt on 16 seemed like it was critical at the time.

BRANDT SNEDEKER: Yeah, I wasn't looking at leaderboards, but I had a number many my head. If I got to 19 under par, I thought that would do it. Hit a bad tee shot on 16. First real bad one of the day. Hit a great approach shot to about five feet. Hit a great putt. I just misread it.



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These greens are really tricky to read. I had really been good all week inside five feet about reading them well, and that was first one I misread really badly.

I was really mad walking to 17 tee and told myself to kind of get my head out of my butt and get going. I hit a great 7-iron to about 20 feet and kept telling myself, I'm the best putter in the world, I'm rolling it great. Get out of your own way and let it go.

I hit a great putt on 17, and kind of halfway there I knew it was in. I really thought I had to par the last hole to win and got up there and put my swing of the week. Got way too quick, too excited, and kind of left one way out to the right and chipped it down there.

Then kept telling myself if I got up and down, I think I would have a chance, a shot to get in the playoff. I hit a bad wedge shot. Had a bad number right in between clubs, and afraid of coming out of it and shut it down. Hit a 25-footer, 30-footer for par. Hit a great putt. Again, I thought I made it. Kind of leaked out on the right and really thought that was it. Thought I lost my chance.

But I knew in the back of my head that those last couple of holes are not easy. It's always hard to win out here. It's always hard to have that pressure on you coming down the stretch. Those last three holes, even though they don't seem that hard on Thursday, Friday, on Sunday when things are on the line, they get a lot harder.

So I kind of tried to regroup on the range and get ready for a playoff. Unfortunately, Mark wasn't able to kind of finish his round off. I feel terrible for him. I've been there a thousand times out here it seems like. I hope he learned a lot from today, and hopefully he wins out here soon.

THE MODERATOR: What sort of conversations did you have with Heath, your caddie, on that range in the 5 to 10 minutes you were there?

BRANDT SNEDEKER: Saying, hey, we got to be ready for a playoff. We have to get our mind ready for a playoff. Let's go.

It wasn't really anything to talk about other than getting our mind ready. Hopefully we have a chance here to get out



and win the golf tournament.

Yeah, I've been in a few playoffs out here, so I kind of knew the drill and knew what to do. I definitely wanted to go hit a few balls after that drive on 18 and get that out of my head.

Go out there and see some good ones down the middle of the fairway. I was kind of getting ready.

THE MODERATOR: You said out there in the ceremony to the spectators and fans that were around there, I can't tell you what this victory means to me. Can you tell us now what this victory means to you?

BRANDT SNEDEKER: It means everything. I knew you would make me cry.

THE MODERATOR: Sorry.

BRANDT SNEDEKER: To not have my card the last couple of years, to be struggling to do what I love, you know, to still have a passion to play this game the way I want to play it and to show people how I can still do it, especially not playing my best and struggling the way I did to come back and fight, claw my way back and play some great golf this year even though it hasn't seemed like it to people outside.

I knew I was playing well. I just hadn't been able to put it all together. Hopefully it shows my family, my kids something. Just, you know, ten wins out here is an accomplishment. Something I'm very proud of.

THE MODERATOR: Not to make it even more emotional, but to do it on Mother's Day and your support system, just talk about that a little bit.

BRANDT SNEDEKER: I lost my mom a few years ago, so I had a tough stretch there. But my wife is unbelievable. She's the best mom on the planet and takes care of everything off the golf course for me so I can come out here and do what I love to do, travel the world and play great golf, and get to see the best spots in the world.

She kind of takes everything off my plate at home and is a great mom for our kids. Couldn't be here standing in front of you without her. I know she had a special day today, and I am sure she probably lost a few years of her life watching me try to pull this off this afternoon. It was probably a more stressful Mother's Day than she was anticipating.

THE MODERATOR: I'm sure you have lots of stuff racing through your head, but this changes your plans. I don't

know what you were planning to do this next week, but now you're probably going to go to Aronimink, and a place that you've played before. Probably the year that you won were the last time you were there, I would think.

BRANDT SNEDEKER: Yes.

THE MODERATOR: How does this change?

BRANDT SNEDEKER: I was planning on going home tonight and having a week off and going to Medina on Thursday, Friday of next week and do some stuff for the Presidents Cup. That obviously got changed.

Changes a lot of things. I'm kind of in a bunch of tournaments I probably wasn't in before now. All good things. Just kind of get home tonight and re-evaluate what we need to do, and kind of figure out a new plan. I'm excited to get to the PGA. I haven't played in a major in a few years.

Love the opportunity to play in those big golf courses and playing against tough competition. It will be fun to get up there and see the guys. I haven't seen a lot of those guys in a minute. And use it as a scouting trip for Presidents Cup stuff, talk to the guys a little bit.

THE MODERATOR: You got the blue jacket today. That's traditional for the winner. You've won the plaid jacket in the same state. How meaningful is it to secure both of those?

BRANDT SNEDEKER: Yeah, it's pretty cool to be -- you know, I kind of hope part of this deal is I get to become a member down here at this golf course, because this golf course is phenomenal. I love it.

South Carolina has been very good to me. I love coming down here. It's a great kind of similar to how I grew up. Slow pace of lifestyle. People are fantastic. I've played some great golf here over the years and love coming down here.

So this is super special for me to be able to come down here and I guess get the South Carolina double. I guess that's what we're going to have to call it now.

**Q. Do you recall ever being this emotional after a result in golf?**

BRANDT SNEDEKER: No, no. I guess it happens when you get older, too. I start having kids and you start crying a lot more, I guess.

This is probably as emotional as I've been winning a golf

tournament before, for sure. I've been through so much since the last time this happened, so very grateful, very appreciative of it and try to take it all in.

**Q. What did you and Heath say to each other when you embraced there on the driving range?**

BRANDT SNEDEKER: Just that I love the man, yeah.

**Q. Then even looked like you were feeling some despair on 18 after you missed that putt as well.**

BRANDT SNEDEKER: Yeah, I did. I thought I had lost the golf tournament. I really did. I thought I needed to make a par there to have a chance, and took a moment to kind of think about what I let slip through my fingers, I thought, to kind of did a quick self-evaluation of what went wrong and how I'm going to try to fix it to have a chance.

Then I had to flip the switch and get ready for a playoff. Obviously that didn't happen. Yeah, I had a moment there where I was beating myself up pretty good about what could have been.

**Q. You and Mark hit very similar bad shots on 18. How much of that is the tension of the moment? How much of that is just how difficult that shot is?**

BRANDT SNEDEKER: It's both. It's definitely tension. I guarantee if Mark and I got up there 100 times, we would probably hit it over there three times. Maybe two times.

In that moment you got a lot of pressure on you. You have a tough tee shot into the wind. You know if you pull it a little bit, you're in trouble. If you push it, typically you, though, you try to push it and keep it on the right side so you have a chance of getting on the green.

You know, my body just got going too quick. I didn't see Mark's, but obviously we hit pretty poor tee shots to be where we were.

I guarantee over the course of a week if you look at where Mark and I drove it, we probably both drove it really, really well. Probably both had a lot of great swings out there, a lot of great opportunities. Just not going to harp on the one bad one I hit.

**Q. I guess, you know, the sternum issue, you know, you're not old, but --**

BRANDT SNEDEKER: I am old. It's okay.

**Q. Getting up in age on the tour.**

BRANDT SNEDEKER: Yeah.

**Q. And the sternum issue. I guess was there a point you didn't think you would be able to win back out here? How proud of you are you?**

BRANDT SNEDEKER: Yeah, for sure. I mean, there's points in the last couple of years I didn't think I could win again. My golf game wasn't very good. My body wasn't feeling great. Lots of self-doubt. Lots of, you know, what am I doing?

I did the only thing I knew how to do, get back to work. I went back to my coach, Todd Anderson. One thing I've always been known for is putting the work in and started working. That's all you can do. Quit looking around for solutions and look for answers, that's what I tell people all the time. I don't want excuses. I need solutions for problems. The solution was to get back to work and do what I love to do.

And every time I did it, I kept getting a little bit better and a little bit better and a little bit better and my confidence started growing, and I felt like I could play. It's been a long last three years. Eight years since I won, but really since I came back from my sternum surgery it's been a long time to feel like this.

I'm excited about the rest of the season and what the next couple of years hold.

**Q. Are you staying in Myrtle Beach this evening?**

BRANDT SNEDEKER: I was heading home to see my wife and my kids for Mother's Day dinner, so I'm obviously a little delayed getting there, but we'll get home in time and hopefully kids can stay a little bit late in the morning and get them up a little later and kind of have some breakfast with them before I head up to Philly.

You know, try to at least have a little moment with the family tonight.

**Q. You get to fly back on one of those jets?**

BRANDT SNEDEKER: I'm trying. We're working on it. We're going to find a way.

**Q. Can you just explain how different it is at 45 handling the nerves and the tension in the situation compared to as a 20-something-year-old?**

BRANDT SNEDEKER: It's very different, because you have lots of scar tissue. There's very few Tiger Woods out here who seem to always rise to the occasion.

To get where most of us get, you fail a lot. So to not be in a situation in a long time and to have all the scar tissue I've had over 20 years of being out here, it's a little harder than it was when I was 25 or 26 and didn't know what I was doing.

Now at 45 you know what you're doing, and you have -- unfortunately, you have a lot of great shots to pull from, but you also have a lot of bad shots to pull from too, so it's doubly hard to sit down there and really think about it.

**Q. How proud are you of that, and is it go something you can take to your Presidents Cup team and express to them the difference?**

BRANDT SNEDEKER: Yeah, I was super -- kept telling myself all day of playing fearless. It's the easiest thing to do, because what do I have to be scared of at my age out here? You know, but it's the hardest thing to do, because you want to be in control of everything. You want to hold on as tight as you can to some of these things.

Playing fearless means you can't control everything. You got to let it go and to not worry about the outcome. What's the worst thing that's going to happen? I'm going to lose the golf tournament. Let it go.

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