ROUND 1 INTERVIEW October 28, 2021

BRANDON HAGY (-6)



Q. Sometimes you had to take a little less, didn't you?

BRANDON HAGY: Yeah. I mean, I was able to keep the ball down with driver and hit it solid, which is nice. I think that's one of those situations where my ball speed kind of helps with the wind a little bit. I hit my putts really good today.

Q. Do you know what time it is? What day?

BRANDON HAGY: Yeah, it's been pretty crazy. I haven't felt it too bad. You know, I'm tired at random times, but I just kind of keep my head down and show up when I need to and make a tee time. Yeah, it's fine.

Q. I don't know how much of this morning action you had a chance to see, but based on that, you made five birdies on your first nine on the way to a 65 given the conditions?

BRANDON HAGY: Yeah, I mean, I was walking down the 10th fairway, our first hole, and I saw 2 under was leading. I was like, wow, it's playing difficult. I think it laid down a little bit for us, but it was still pretty stout. The eighth hole, our 17th hole, was a pretty stiff breeze, but I hit a lot of good putts and they went in. I think there's going to be some times where you get gusts and the ball doesn't go in, but you kind of have to keep your head down and keep trying to hit some good shots.

Q. When you get on a run like that, again given the conditions, what's your mindset?

BRANDON HAGY: My mindset was just trying to hit solid balls and stay down and try and stay composed on the greens and just got to keep my head down, try to keep a solid strike on it. You know you're going to get some gusts, some situations where you're going to miss it. Like on my seventh hole there I had like a two-and-a-half-footer and got gusted as I'm putting it. That stuff's going to happen. You're just going to have to decide before the round that everyone's dealing with it and try the best you can.

Q. Everyone's saying Port Royal is a demanding test, a lot of up and down, a lot of wind today. You're fresh from Japan, you played the ZOZO Championship last week. Any lingering effects at all?

BRANDON HAGY: It's been okay. It was nice to go home for a day in Charlotte and just sleep in my own bed, see the family, see my baby, so I think that just kind of snapped me back into whatever time zone we're going to be in. It's been a little interesting, definitely

some weird wake-ups in the middle of the night, 2:00, 3:00 in the morning and try to get back to sleep. There's a couple other guys that are dealing with it this week, but yeah, definitely happy with the round.