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LEGENDS AT SPARKS MARINA RENO-TAHOE OPEN THIRD ROUND INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPT AUGUST 2, 2008

AN INTERVIEW WITH BRIAN DAVIS

THE MODERATOR: We would like to welcome Brian Davis into the interview room.

You are celebrating a birthday today. You made 6 great putts. You are playing pretty well. How was your round today?

BRIAN DAVIS: It was going to be the worst birthday round for three holes. I hit a couple of shaky shots the first two holes. I made a couple of pars. With the pin position on No. 1 you are looking for birdie. It wasn't a best start.

No. 3, I got in a bit of trouble, and before you know it, I racked up a double. I felt like my tournament had just ended right there. I knew it was going to be tough out there today. It's not the easiest course when the wind is blowing like it is today.

If I could just hang in there, Parker has never won before, he might shoot a couple over, and there he is 5-under. He hasn't won before. With the performance he put in today. But for me to personally be in second place after that double, is pleasing. I was hoping I would be a little closer to Park, but you never know.

THE MODERATOR: Questions?

Q. Tell us about your eagle.

BRIAN DAVIS: Yes, I hit a great drive down 9, I took it down the left-hand side over the bushes. I hit my utility club, my 2-iron utility club. We thought it was going in from where we were. It bounced, rolled, it rolled across the right-hand side of the hole and made the eagle putt which was great. That got me some momentum.

The back 9 was playing tough. I hit it in the water on 16. I managed to drop it in the drop area and get up and down. So that was a big plus for me to birdie 17 as well.

Q. Could you talk about the incident on 16 where the guy yelled after you hit the drop shot? Do you see yourself as a role model?

BRIAN DAVIS: It is. I'm a father. It's one of those things, I'm trying to win a golf tournament. I haven't exactly had the best year. I just had a third child. And I would love to take some time off. Obviously with the FedExCup coming, that's tough to do. So the quicker I could get a week in, the quicker I could have a week off if you like.

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So I was under pressure. I'm walking down there and asked the rules official if it crossed the hazard line. And these three guys shouted different things for me. I said, 'no, no guys, I'm asking the rules official.' So the rules official come over and said it didn't cross, so I dropped it in the drop zone. I hit it, and just as I had impact, some guy shouted, 'Get in the water.' It's about all I thought about obviously, and I wasn't hitting it too good anyway.

Obviously, my response wasn't the best way to put it. But I apologized to everyone. They said we would have said a lot worse. It was one those things. I'm glad my family wasn't there, because those three guys wouldn't have made it out of there.

I don't think they understood I was asking the rules official. I think they thought I was telling them, 'Go away.'

By the end of the day, you wouldn't shout, 'Get in the water.' I wasn't too happy. I have had things like that before. We are the only sport where you don't get heckled. Every other sport gets heckled when you are shooting.

Q. You almost holed out from No. 8, it looked like you came within a couple of feet on your second shot?

BRIAN DAVIS: Number 8? No. 13, from where we were, it looked like it was going in. It came up a foot short. Obviously the line we were working at, it looked like it was going in. I will take a three on that hole any day.

Q. Obviously you are going to be in the final group with Parker tomorrow. Is there anything that you are going to focus on in terms of a possible kind of Match Play kind of look for it?

BRIAN DAVIS: Yes, it's weird, because most weeks on TOUR there is probably 20 guys that can win, or 10 guys that can win going in the last day. That means John Rollins has to shoot 10-under. If he shoots 10-under tomorrow, that's going to be tough on these greens because they are getting firm. If he birdies a lot, he really does put a stretch on everyone including me going into Sunday. It's one of them things. He never won before. Around this golf course, anything can happen. You can hit good shots and be in trouble. He obviously played well today.

He drove it on the 5th one down the hill, Larry (Mize) was putting out, and he drove it down to 4 feet from the hole with his tee shot on the par-4. Maybe it's his day. He knocked it in and got off to a great start. He is shooting great. Shooting 62, anytime, he is obviously playing really well. But I will try to chase him down tomorrow.

Q. Brian, that must have been one of your better bogeys on 16 to be able to scramble and get up and down. Talk about the atmosphere on that hole. Irrespective of the incident you had, is that one of the more raucous party holes that you see with the mariachi band and everybody having a good time?

BRIAN DAVIS: Well, it's one of the things where the band gets going, it's too loud, so they can't really get going. It's one of those things where I love having holes like that, especially par-3s. You got Sawgrass, TPC in Phoenix. It's great to have an atmosphere like that. They are kinder here. Obviously, The Players, it's a great atmosphere around there. It's nice to have a hole like that. It's good for a tournament. You can hole out, have drinks, get a little bit drunk, just enjoy themselves. At the end of the day, that's what we want them to do, enjoy themselves. The good thing about golf, as I said, everyone is quiet when you hit a shot. So it doesn't matter, as long as you have a good time.

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THE MODERATOR: Anything else?

Q. What's been the key for you in this stretch, the stretch of Top-15's that you had?

BRIAN DAVIS: I've been saying to my coach, that I feel I was playing better but I just wasn't making any putts. He came over to Canada for a week. We worked on a few things and my putter let me down on the weekend. But it was good. There is such a fine line out here. That's generally all the difference. The difference between being 8-under and 14-under with a chance to win over three rounds is nothing, just a few putts. So you got to putt well to win.

Q. Why here instead of the European Tour?

BRIAN DAVIS: I went to the Q-School here when I was 19. I just missed getting to the Q-School by one shot. I went back to Europe and I played the Challenge Tour which is the equivalent to the Nationwide Tour. I got my card over there and obviously stayed in Europe. I would have come to the Q-School a couple of years before that, but my wife was seriously ill, and we couldn't leave. So I stayed in Europe another couple years. At the time, I was around the Top-50 so I was hoping to play both tours. That was my idea. Obviously, I was top 50 and I won at Q-School, so I was able to plan my year. I played two seasons where I played both tours but I slipped outside the Top-50. It's very hard to play both tours and stay in the Top-50 because you have to play so much.

We had our second child. The specialist was in Orlando, he kept getting infections. I didn't want to go back to Europe for four months like we usually did. I usually played 3 months over here, went back to Europe for four months, and finished the season over here. I didn't want him being away because if he got infected, which he did, he got them every few months. It was a family decision. Obviously, it's not a hardship decision because you play on a great Tour. From a family decision, I made the decision to quit Europe and the European Tour totally understood, and I decided to stay here. My goal was again get back inside the Top-50 I would rejoin the TOUR again. It's good for the game.

I would like to do that, obviously being European. I can't make the Ryder Cup team while I play solely in America either. That would be another thing I would look at as well.

But we just had our third child and we had a few problems with her as well. At the moment, I'm just glad we were near the Winnie and Arnold Palmer Hospital in Orlando. We've got a close affiliation with them, and I got to thank them for my little girl surviving. That's really the reason we've stayed over here. My wife is happy, the kids are happy. It's the best way to handle it over the last two or three years.

Q. So your son was fine and the girl you had is doing fine now?

BRIAN DAVIS: When she was born, she had trouble breathing, both of her lungs collapsed. It was pretty scary. Unfortunately they got all of the machines there that a baby would need. You wouldn't know any different now. I'm very thankful to them. We live in Orlando; as well we have done a lot of charity stuff for them before. It didn't affect you like it did. It just makes even more contributions in the time you spend for the hospital more important, and you understand more what happens when sports people, anybody, donates or holds functions or anything to allow them to have all of the extra equipment that maybe insurance wouldn't pay for and that's what makes a difference.

THE MODERATOR: Brian, thank you.

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