

ROUND 4 INTERVIEW
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BRANDON HARKINS (-18, won second playoff hole)

Q. What's this moment like for you after a near miss in 2017? You've done pretty much everything except for get a win? What is this moment like for you to finally get this?

BRANDON HARKINS: It's unbelievable. Gosh, I'm starting to get a little bit emotional. You know, it means the world. This is for my wife and my two boys at home who couldn't be here this week. We've got a one-month-old at home. My wife means the world to me and she is the most supportive person I've ever met. She just always pushes me to be better and she's the best mom to our boys. Yeah, this win, it feels great, but you know what, it's for them, it's for my family, my mom, my brother, everyone. Can't wait to get home and give them a big hug.

Q. Where does this moment compare to getting your PGA TOUR card? Is this win a bigger moment for you?

BRANDON HARKINS: That's a tough question. Playing the PGA TOUR is great, it's what we all strive to do, but with that said, everyone wants to win, and this is my first big win out here. I think they're just kind of two separate things, but they're both big. This means a lot to me. I will never forget this.

Q. Coming down the stretch, Marty looked like he was in control, then as he started to go wayward, was it difficult to stay focused on playing your own game down the stretch?

BRANDON HARKINS: That's a good question. I just told myself all day [that] I believed in my ability and my talent, and I just really tried to focus on sticking to my process and playing my game and kind of just seeing how we stood at the end. It's a lot easier said than done when you get in the heat of things, but for the most part I did a really nice job of that today and I owe a lot of credit to my caddie. He did a great job all week. He's been doing an unbelievable job with me, and he keeps me very calm and we're having fun out there. He deserves a lot as well.

Q. Did you have an eye on that tee shot on the second playoff hole or were you a little concerned with it?

BRANDON HARKINS: Certainly concerned. It started drifting on the wind, it's blowing pretty hard. I knew it was probably okay. I didn't know exactly if it was in the rough or in the fairway or not. Yeah, concerned would be the correct word there.

Q. What did you hit out of it, what was the lie like, and what did you have coming in?

BRANDON HARKINS: I just chipped a 7-iron down the fairway, kept it short of the cross-bunker, kind of knowing that Marty was in a little bit of trouble.

Then from there I had to hit 5-iron for my third straight into the wind and hit a great shot right where we were looking and was able to make a pretty easy two-putt for par.

Q. Was there key club or maybe a go-to shot this week that was really big for you?

BRANDON HARKINS: Just the low ball, you had to hit it low, today especially. Not necessarily low, you had to control the flight really well. We thought our way around the golf course pretty well, we kept the ball in front of us. We attacked when we thought we could, and we played a little bit more conservative when we thought we should do that as well.

Q. I saw you talking to Darren Clarke; you're planning to bring the family back here?

BRANDON HARKINS: 100 percent, we will be back. It's such a beautiful place. I know my family will love it, they'll have so much fun here, so yeah, we'll be back.

Q. Did you ever doubt you'd win a tournament?

BRANDON HARKINS: Yeah, certainly. I mean, I'd be lying if I said no because there's been weeks where I felt like I've played pretty darn good and haven't won. There's always that in the back of your mind, but I've worked really hard with my instructor at home and a little bit on the mental side of things, especially this offseason. You know, just taking a slightly different approach has helped me a ton.

Q. And the fact you've already earned your card before, you know what it takes, but to be No. 1 after two weeks on the points list, you don't have it locked up, but very comfortable. You can't ask for a better way to start the first two events.

BRANDON HARKINS: Yeah, no, certainly. Last week, made the cut and just kind of hung around, but I knew I was playing pretty good. This week I just really stayed patient the whole week because the conditions, we got rained hard on -- let's see, it rained on us on the first round, which was Sunday. You know, I just kept telling myself that I'm playing well and good things are going to happen.