

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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BRAD BRYANT (-7)

Q. Can you talk about your round today and how you found such success on that golf course?

BRAD BRYANT: I had golfing success today; I started and finished with the same ball. It's the truth, so that was good. So it was, I don't know, I'm a little bit surprised at the moment. I haven't played all that much golf and I've worked pretty hard on my golf swing, and my wife has me on this fancy diet where I've lost some weight. I don't know, things just kind of happened today.

Q. You haven't played since February on Tour.

BRAD BRYANT: Yeah, this is only my second tournament. In fact, that's the first time I've walked 18 holes in about three months.

Q. Any reason for the long gap?

BRAD BRYANT: I'm a retired person. I mean, c'mon. Yeah, I go home, I get up in the morning, I go to McDonald's and then I hit golf balls for exercise and then I have lunch and then I go fishing and then I go to the couch.

Q. And that's a good --

BRAD BRYANT: Six days a week. The seventh day we go to church and we worship and we have a great time there. That's it.

Q. So what got you to come here and what's your history the last couple years here?

BRAD BRYANT: Well, next week we play the U.S. Senior Open and we have to walk 72 holes at 6,500 feet. So coming here is sort of a prelude to maybe getting myself in shape enough that I can -- that I can finish that tournament next week. That's really -- the main reason I'm here was to walk the golf course, believe it or not. I've worked pretty hard on my golf swing over the last couple of months and it seems like today it sort of paid off. I hit the ball really well in the pro-ams, and then today it just, I don't know, every time I hit an iron shot it was going straight at the hole, except for No. 8 and I hit it a little to the right on the green. But it was just a pretty good day.

Q. So how do you feel now having walked all those holes and with this fancy new diet? And is McDonald's on the diet?

BRAD BRYANT: I'm tired, and yes, McDonald's is on the diet. That's the one thing that I get to do every day. And then I've eaten -- I'll tell you what, I have eaten a field full of green beans. I don't know whether y'all have had any of this. She's over there somewhere and she's lost weight, too, so I'm real proud of her. For an old woman, she's good looking.

Q. With all the rain that we've had the last couple days, is the course going to give up a lot of birdies?

BRAD BRYANT: I believe so. And quite honestly, to tell you the truth, part of the reason why I shot a low score today was because we had ball in hand. I think anytime you get to put the ball in your hand, it sort of helps those guys that are, you know, maybe you're not the most experienced at the moment having to play in sloppy conditions. I hope that we can -- depends on what happens tonight, but hopefully we'll get the ball back out of our hands the next couple of days and I think you'll see the really -- some of the top players doing well. You know, being able to read those messy lies in the fairway is a real important part of golf and today you didn't have to do that. If you were in the fairway, you had a perfect lie.

Q. All things considered, when you started today, could you have imagined being a shot behind Steve here at the top of the leaderboard?

BRAD BRYANT: I could imagine being more than a shot behind Steve, yes. But this close to the lead, no, I didn't -- it was a great surprise to me.

Q. Thank you, Brad.

BRAD BRYANT: All right. Thanks a lot, guys. Appreciate it.