

**FINAL ROUND INTERVIEW**  
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**BART BRYANT ( -16)**

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**Q. Talk about the emotion of sinking the putt on 18.**

**BART BRYANT:** It felt good, it really did. He hit a great shot in there. He went after the pin, which he had to do, and I think he was going to make that. He made it, but I think had I missed, he would have made it, so I think I was headed for a playoff. I gave it a good run.

But to make a putt like that to win a tournament, there's a little bit of luck involved and it was just kind of my day. I played awfully well, I didn't hit a bad shot today. I played conservatively, a little bit conservative coming in, but smart. You know, it got the job done. Very pleased with the way everything went.

**Q. Describe that putt, please.**

**BART BRYANT:** Well, let's see, how far was it? 22, 23 feet breaking a little left to right. It was one of those that it felt like it was going to get there. I didn't have to hit it real hard. I felt like I had good speed all day. Luckily, it just got on the right track and just stayed there. It's hard to even comment on a putt like that. To win a tournament with a putt like that, it doesn't happen very often, but it felt really good. I've had putts made on me on 18 to lose before, so it's nice to be on the other end of the stick this time.

**Q. After Bradley bogeyed 15, what's your mind set going into 16, 17, 18? What were the nerves like?**

**BART BRYANT:** You know, I managed the nerves pretty well, to be honest with you. I really felt like I just needed to play my game, which I've never played those last four holes real aggressively. I've always played back off No. 16 where a lot of guys hit driver. I'm just not one of the longer players out here, that's what I did. Left me in a little bit of a pickle, I had to hit under that tree. But it worked out okay. I made a nice par there.

I think that was the difference. If he hits a real good drive there, he can get on the green and make birdie, and of course he did miss it. He had a really tough putt and he missed it. But at that point I felt like it was kind of mine to win or lose and I felt like two pars might get it done. I was just lucky to throw that birdie on 18.

**Q. In hindsight, how big was that putt on 7, because it kind of set in motion a nice little stretch for you?**

**BART BRYANT:** Yeah, it was huge. It's funny, when I won here in '13, I had a similar putt on 7 on Saturday and I made it. When he made his putt, I just had this weird feeling I was

going to make that. I don't know why because I don't get those feelings very often. It was just right over that hill. I think that was huge because it kind of kept me up with him. He could have kind of separated himself a little bit. But to birdie there and then to come back on the next hole on the par 5 and make a real good seven- or eight-footer. Every putt was big obviously, I won by one shot, but probably none bigger than that and obviously the one at 18.

**Q. How long was that on 7?**

**BART BRYANT:** Gosh, that had to be a 40 footer, yeah.

**Q. Were you at all surprised nobody else a little bit further back made a big run at it?**

**BART BRYANT:** A little bit. We didn't have that one low round this year. Seems like every year, when I won it (Inaudible) had a 62. I know last year I think it was 61. Seems like someone always shoots a really low round and nobody had it this year. I don't know exactly why. It may have been the softness of the course. It did play a little bit longer. The greens were possibly a little bit tougher to putt. Although they were very smooth and the guys did an amazing job getting them ready, they were still soft. So they did get a little spikey even with the soft spikes, so that may have been the difference.

I saw some really good putts, especially yesterday, missed by the guys I was playing with and they were hit well, they just didn't go in. I think that may have been the difference this year. 16 under got it done in '13, 16 under this year, I think 20 last year. I was expecting it to be 18 or 19, to be honest with you, with the soft conditions, but nobody got that really low round.

**Q. Were you reflecting at any point, say coming up 18, on the win you had here before, did it ever cross your mind?**

**BART BRYANT:** I did, yeah. The pin was up a little bit further and I hit it left and I left my putt short. They actually moved the pin a little bit further back right and I played a little bit conservative. But I remembered that I left that putt short, although it was a three-putt to win, which I did. I replayed that in my head and I said I might need to hit this, let's make sure we get this one there like we didn't do last time. You know, I was thinking about that a little bit as I approached that last putt.

**Q. How's the feeling and emotion, how is this one different than the last one?**

**BART BRYANT:** That was my first one, this is my second one. I don't know what it is about New York. I've had a lot of other opportunities, I just haven't got it done, but for some reason I got it done here twice.

I don't know that it's a lot different. My situation's a lot different having gone through what I've gone through. My rookie year when I first came out here it was pretty special, but in

some ways I almost expected to win. I mean, I hate to say that. I think most guys when they come out here and they're 50 and they come off the Tour, they have an idea that they can win. But after having a dry spell and then going -- having gone through what I went through and my game suffering so much and going downhill so far, to come back and win this, honestly, it's probably a little more special than my win my rookie year.