

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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BRANDT JOBE (-6)

Q. Nice round. How did you feel about your first round back as title defender here?

BRANDT JOBE: Well, it's obviously a hard thing to do, you kind of remember everything that went on last year. They had a nice ceremony this morning, which was pretty cool. I had a great group. Unfortunately Mark didn't get to play, he had some other things going on in life, so Scott and I kind of just went out there and had a little fun.

Q. Looks like Glen Oaks all over again, right?

BRANDT JOBE: Yeah.

SCOTT McCARRON: I beat him at Glen Oaks. It's nothing like Glen Oaks.

BRANDT JOBE: A good day overall. It's hot. The course is playing so different from what I'm used to, so much longer. So a little bit different strategy out there today, but overall real good day.

Q. Walking off the practice -- the 18th green in the pro-am yesterday you said, "I didn't play well, I've got to figure some things out." What did you figure out?

BRANDT JOBE: Well, think about it, yesterday morning I showed up here at 6:50 in the morning and I left here at 6:15 last night. I was beat. I have not played a lot of golf the last couple weeks and did not play well yesterday. A lot going on yesterday in our pro-am, so it was fun. I sat out here for about an hour and a half and hit a bunch of balls and decided to kind of get on something and kind of get my thoughts organized and I needed that. Whether it was good or bad, I still needed it. Of course I hit the ball pretty good. There were a couple swings I would like back.

Q. (No microphone.)

BRANDT JOBE: No doubt about it because I didn't really have a good concept. I'm one of those people, I've got to have an idea of what I'm doing in the day, what I'm trying to do with my swing. I had too many thoughts. I kind of had to get it down to one thing what I was trying to do.

Q. How long did you kind of hang out here yesterday?

BRANDT JOBE: Well, I got done -- I hit balls for probably two hours, then I went and putted

after that. Busy day. It was a workday yesterday.

Q. How tired were you by the time you left?

BRANDT JOBE: So tired I didn't want to go eat dinner. I said I'm grabbing something on the way home, going to my room and taking a shower. But it was worth it, I needed to. I told you, I've been honest, I hadn't played a lot of golf and hadn't played how I wanted to. Last couple weeks were solid, but I didn't do a lot the past two weeks in our off time. A lot of family activities, which is good, but got my work in yesterday and it's a good day today.

Q. You said the 3-wood was kind of the one club left to really figure out. How did you hit it today?

BRANDT JOBE: I actually hit it good today. I hit it off the first tee, which last year hitting 3- and 4-irons off the first tee because of conditions. So 3-wood is pretty good, driver was pretty good. A couple swings I left out there that I could have done better, but overall a good day.

Q. What's the feeling coming in as the defending champ? Do you feel like you've got to defend something?

BRANDT JOBE: I think you do. I think if nothing else, you want to have a good showing, I think that's important. You have a lot of things going on. I'm not done yet, I've still got one this afternoon, but you have a lot going on, you're getting pulled a lot of different ways but that's a good thing because that means you did something well the year before. Yeah, it's tough, it's very tough to defend a tournament.

Q. How glad were you to have the first tee time and maybe avoid some of the hottest parts of the day here?

BRANDT JOBE: I don't know, that was kind of strange us having the first tee time. I didn't know what quite to think about that. That's not our norm, not our normal time. Obviously it was a little cooler, conditions were good. I think we're going to get fortunate today it looks like and that rain's going to hold off so it will play fairly even today.

Q. You said you left the range with one key thought. What was that, is that something you share?

BRANDT JOBE: Yeah, I don't move my body very well. I grew up restricting my hips and I'm trying to turn my hips, get the club a little deeper and give myself more room. When I don't, I get stuck and then it's a little block or a flip and I did that kind of -- I either hit it down the right side or down the left, I couldn't get a feel. So yesterday that was what that was for was for me to kind of -- didn't like how I played, I hadn't had a day or time to grind one out and I said, all right, I'm not leaving here until I've got what I want to do.

I took that thought and kind of expanded on it. You don't ever stop thinking about work. You know that, doesn't matter what your job is. I just didn't want -- I didn't want to play poorly. I mean, I can't control what I'm going to shoot, but I wanted to feel like I was in control. I call it when you're playing well, you're in control of your golf ball. When you're playing poorly, the ball's controlling you. I wanted to control the golf ball.