ROUND 2 INTERVIEW April 30, 2022

BRANDT JOBE (-12)



Q. Can you talk a little bit about your round, especially what happened on 18?

BRANDT JOBE: You know, it was just kind of a pretty solid front nine, made a couple birdies, missed a few, you know, good birdie opportunities, but kind of a solid nine.

Then kind of got going there on 13, or 12 I guess it was, birdied five in a row, I think. Missed about a 10-footer on 17 I thought I made. Then 18 I hit it in the left trees off the roots and was just trying to get it on the front left and it went straight and it hit on the wood, bounced towards the pin about 12 feet past the hole and I made that for birdie. I had some fortunate things today, but that's kind of what you do when you shoot a low round, that's kind of how it happens.

Q. I didn't see your tee shot on 18. I walked up there, I saw two golfers, I don't know who the third guy was. He said somebody's way over there.

BRANDT JOBE: I hit it down the left side and it hit the trees, then I guess kind of kicked a little left. It wasn't a very good tee shot. I got lucky. I mean, that was a bonus to finish. I turned a 6 into a 3, so it's kind of a nice way to finish.

Q. How many yards were you from the pin?

BRANDT JOBE: I had 187, so I was just trying to hit a 5-iron out left and two-putt and be done and it didn't work out quite that way.

Q. So when you hit that wood --

BRANDT JOBE: Yeah, it hit the wood. I was trying to get it left of the pin and it went right at it and hit the wood and bounced up there past the pin.

Q. So the wood behind the green?

BRANDT JOBE: No, the wood right over the water, yes.

Q. So it could have gone in the water?

BRANDT JOBE: Oh, yeah, easily. I thought it was in the water.

Q. You hit a lot of great shots today, so that's got to be one of them, I thought the best shot you hit.

BRANDT JOBE: It didn't come off how I planned. I thought I could hit it solid enough and kind of hook it left and it just came out fluffy off the roots and straight up in the air. So it wasn't kind of how I designed it, but I got fortunate to end that way.

Q. You mentioned the five birdies in a row on the back nine. You got a lot of momentum heading into tomorrow.

BRANDT JOBE: Yeah, it was good. I chipped in on one hole right in the middle of it all, which was another nice break, but the other ones were not -- you know, they were fairly short, 10 feet in putts so it wasn't like I was rolling in 20-footers. It was good shots. I had some really good play and then I had a couple swings that I would like to have back, but that's golf.

Q. Yeah. Stricker's playing pretty well, so if somebody wants to beat Steve, they're going to have to play pretty well.

BRANDT JOBE: Stricker and Alker, both those guys, they just seem to play good. They're playing really good. I guess I'll get a seat in that group and get to watch them.

Q. Yeah, that's where you want to be, right there.

BRANDT JOBE: Well, I know you're going to have to go low again. We'll see. I'll try hard and at least I've got an opportunity.

Q. If somebody doesn't go low tomorrow, they're not going to win probably.

BRANDT JOBE: I think it all depends. Like today we didn't have a lot of wind and that's a big difference out there. When you get the wind and it gets swirling, it gets really tough to pull clubs. Today it just wasn't as hard as even yesterday, so that was -- especially the front nine can get swirly and it wasn't really difficult. You weren't adding 15 yards, it was like six yards or five yards. It just wasn't a lot of breeze like the day before, like it usually is out here.

Q. Course record is 63, you shot 64.

BRANDT JOBE: Well, you didn't tell me. I would have tried harder.

Q. What do you like about this course?

BRANDT JOBE: You know, I've played well here and I've played bad here. It's hit or miss for me. Hopefully this is going to be a good week where I continue to play well, but I like it. You've got to hit good shots, greens are good, it's tough to get the ball up and down. If you hit the ball well, you get rewarded on this golf course.

Q. As you said, you'll be in the final group with Steve -- with the Steves.

BRANDT JOBE: Steve and Steven.

Q. Steve and Steve. How impressed are you with what Stricker's doing?

BRANDT JOBE: Yeah, I said I thought he didn't feel well (Laughs.) You know, Steve's just got -- Scott Verplank, we're staying together, we were talking about it last night. He's just got his game in a spot where he can turn it on and turn it off and not many people have been able to do that. Obviously we're very envious of that because I can't do that, but he's got his swing and everything just in a spot where he goes out, he puts the work in, he comes back and it's like he hasn't missed a beat.