

**ROUND 1 INTERVIEW**  
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**BRANDT JOBE ( -6)**

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**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.