

**INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPT: BRAD BRYANT**  
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**PHIL STAMBAUGH:** Brad Bryant, 34-32, 66. Brad, you birdied the last hole and you tie your brother and Joel Edwards for the lead right now at 6-under par. Just sort of take us through your round. You talked a little bit about how you've been playing but you don't have much confidence, but it surely worked out today.

**BRAD BRYANT:** Yeah, I'm sort of just aiming and firing and today I hit several really good iron shots and kept the ball relatively between the trees. I was outside the trees a couple of times, outside the treeline. The 10th hole I hit a terrible tee shot and ended up having a shot at the green and made a par. So today it was just sort of I think I got fortunate a couple of times, and then when I did hit the ball off the tee well, I hit pretty good iron shots most of the day. So I made four birdies on the first nine and I hit the ball very close to the hole, I hit it about six feet at 1 and then I hit it for a tap-in at 2. I hit the green on No. 5 in two, so I had a two-putt there.

**PHIL STAMBAUGH:** Two putt at 5 was how far?

**BRAD BRYANT:** About 25 feet. Hit my second shot right in the middle of the green and then I made a birdie somewhere else.

**PHIL STAMBAUGH:** 7, par 3.

**BRAD BRYANT:** Oh, the par 3, I made a nice putt there. I hit a really good 6-iron to about 15 feet, maybe 18 feet, made a nice putt.

Then the back nine I birdied the 12th hole, I hit a real nice 9-iron there. That was one place where I hit the ball sort of out of play off the tee but I hit a 9-iron, sort of chipped it down the fairway, hit a 9-iron in fairly close and made a nice putt. And then the 14th hole is the par 3, I missed the green by about four inches to the right and hit a nice shot, just rolled just into the fringe and I knocked it in from there, just a little chip-and-run shot from about, it was pretty close to the hole, the flag's right over there next to the water today. So it was a good tee shot, it was nice to make a birdie.

**Q. How far do you think it was?**

**BRAD BRYANT:** 18 feet maybe, maybe not that far. They've got that flag right against the water. Then the last hole, all three of my group birdied the hole, so I hit it in there, I had about a 12-footer and both of the other guys made putts longer than me, so my ball made a victory lap, went all the way around the hole and it fell in, so that was kind of nice.

**PHIL STAMBAUGH:** They don't know, but you've had all sorts of foot issues, the foot hasn't been good, but you persevered today. Obviously earlier you look up and you see Bart there.

**BRAD BRYANT:** Oh, yeah. At one point today I'm sure someone looked at the scoreboard and said, man, that Bryant, he must be good, leading the tournament, went back out for 18 more. It's like a Chuck Norris joke. I'm sorry, what was the question?

**PHIL STAMBAUGH:** Just about your whole foot issues you've had.

**BRAD BRYANT:** Well, I've had a real bad right foot, my right toe is messed up, the big toe on my right foot and now two other toes. So I had surgery on it and the surgery has not helped. If anything, it's gotten maybe a little worse. I've seen, I don't know, four or five doctors and I think mainly because of that I had to have my left knee scoped. So when I came back, my left knee is doing a lot better and my right foot is shot, so that makes me about average on the Champions Tour, one bad wheel. But it's been a real tough couple of years. I've been fighting this thing with my right foot for two and a half years now. If I didn't have a cart, I really would have difficulty walking all 18 holes. Last year during the Schwab Cup each day when I finished I would just kind of hobble to the car after having walked 18 holes. Then I went and had the surgery and the surgery has not improved the situation, at least not improved the pain.

**Q. (Inaudible)**

**BRAD BRYANT:** Really good, being tied with Bart Bryant's always a good thing. He's world class, Bart is. It's really unfortunate that his wrist, I don't know whether you all talked to him or not, but basically his wrist disintegrated. All the cartilage in his wrist just went away and the doctors couldn't figure out why. He's had two surgeries on his wrist now and the first one was very difficult, very, very painful. A year later after the surgery he was still in a great amount of pain. So I'm really hoping that Bart can get back to where he was because he truly was world class. I mean, I had a nice career on the PGA TOUR, but I was never as good as Bart was. He was truly Top 30 in the world for a couple of years there. I think the best I ever got was about 50th in the world for about three days or something. If he could get back to physically just healthy, every time he's been healthy, he's really played well. He had that stretch on the TOUR where he had about four years there where he was finally healthy, won three golf tournaments, finished 2nd a whole bunch of other times, Tiger made the long putt to beat him, it was pretty special. He's a pretty special guy, Bart is.

**Q. How many times have you played with him in a Champions Tour event, do you recall, or has it happened?**

**BRAD BRYANT:** Well, this is his rookie year, so we've played together I think three

times. They paired us together three times. This will be the first time we've actually been paired by -- well, we probably won't be paired by score, but if we are it would be the first time that we would be paired by score. But they've put us together a couple of times to let us play together, which is really nice. We were paired together several times on the PGA TOUR where we shot the same scores and played together quite often, and then of course when we're home we play together fairly often when we're home.

**Q. (Inaudible)**

**BRAD BRYANT:** I'm amazed. I don't know whether I'm happy yet or not, but I'm amazed because I'm really not -- I think that my golf swing is beginning to come around. My golf swing is really still not very good. We took films of it a week or so ago and there are times when I'm really good and there are times when I'm really bad, and today the times where I was really bad I sort of got away with it. We'll just kind of wait and see what happens tomorrow. I'll go to the range this afternoon and see if I can sort of -- the last few holes I actually hit really good shots, so if I can sort of carry that over and hit a few practice balls this afternoon, maybe I can sort of find a key to getting the club unstuck. Right now my swing is, as Phil Blackmar would say, it's very whopper jawed (ph.)

**PHIL STAMBAUGH:** Continued good luck.

**BRAD BRYANT:** Well, thanks a lot, guys, appreciate it.