

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
August 17, 2018



MICHAEL BRADLEY (-7)

Q. Talk about how your day went and how you felt about the course. Very easy stuff. First off, can you just spell your first and last name for me?

MICHAEL BRADLEY: M-I-C-H-A-E-L, B-R-A-D-L-E-Y.

Q. And is this the first time you've played at the Dick's Open?

MICHAEL BRADLEY: No, it's actually my second time. When I turned 50, the timing of my birthday, because of the Olympics, I missed it the first year. And then last year I played -- I played my first round and then I was on the range warming up and I threw my back out and I didn't get to play. So I've actually played one round of golf here.

Q. How did today feel for you?

MICHAEL BRADLEY: It was a good day. I've traditionally not driven the ball well here and you've got to drive the ball good here to shoot a good score. I drove the ball well and made a few putts, so that was that.

Q. How's it feel to be at this point the outright leader?

MICHAEL BRADLEY: It's better than being in last place. But you know what, there's a lot of golf left. And you know what, you're going to have to probably shoot 15, 16, 17 under at the end of Sunday to win. It's in a good position, but I've got a long ways to go.

Q. This might be a tough one for you to answer, but do you think you've got it in you to keep this going for the next two days?

MICHAEL BRADLEY: Never know. Gonna try.

Q. And is there any closing comments you would like to make?

MICHAEL BRADLEY: No. Like I said, the grounds crew's done a great job getting this course playable given all the rain that they've had. The course played really well today. It was a couple wet spots, but I thought the course played really good.

Q. You were one of the last guys in the field, right, to get in?

MICHAEL BRADLEY: Yeah. I got in for Bill Glasson. Monday, I think, they called me and said, hey, you're in.

Q. How did it feel to finish with a birdie there?

MICHAEL BRADLEY: It's always nice, it's always nice to make birdie on the last hole.

Q. And when you were one of the last people in, did you expect that you would be coming out and shooting 7 under right off the bat?

MICHAEL BRADLEY: I don't know if anyone really expects to shoot 7 under when they start the day. I mean, we're all trying to, but realistically, I would have been happy with a few under par. But it was a good day.