

**ROUND 2 INTERVIEW**  
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**JONATHAN BYRD (-8)**



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**Q. Jonathan, good two days, 8 under par. You've got to be pleased, you're smiling. That's good playing out there.**

**JONATHAN BYRD:** Yeah, I was just thinking about like my mentality coming in the last tournament, like I feel like I don't know what I have to finish but I've got to finish first or second.

**Q. Solo second will get you in.**

**JONATHAN BYRD:** So I was right. Yeah, it's kind of an easy mentality in a sense, just got to play amazing or go home, or go to the Web Finals. But I came out yesterday, I putted well the last couple days. I haven't hit my irons very good, which I've been hitting those well coming in. But it's just kind of come together a little bit. Made some good saves and just been making some putts to keep the round going.

**Q. Knowing you have to go solo second, I mean, do you take chances this weekend or just go out there and play your usual round?**

**JONATHAN BYRD:** Yeah, I think you've got to take some extra chances. You know, there's subtle areas of being more aggressive, but it's kind of like, hey, I've got to execute, I've got to make birdies. So you just kind of keep your eye on the prize and you've got to keep climbing up that leaderboard. It doesn't help when the guy shoots 59, but the last tournament I won, you know, Sam Saunders shot 59 so I thought that might have been a good omen.

**Q. We interviewed Brian Gay earlier and he's a guy who's been around a long time like you have, and he's kept himself in great shape and so have you. I mean, I think that's something to be proud of because you've been out here a long time. Physically, you look tremendous, so that's had a real positive?**

**JONATHAN BYRD:** Thank you, Doug. Appreciate that. I'll take any encouragement I can.

No, I was talking to Bronson Burgoon walking up one of the holes coming in, and he goes, "What year did you come out here?" I said, "2002." He goes, "You've been on Tour that long? How old are you?" I'm like, "Bud, I'm only 40."

Yeah, this is a long time to play competitive golf and I have done a good job taking care of myself. I've got good genes, too. But I've had to. These young guys coming out, I played last two years on the Web Tour and just seeing the guys that are coming out, guys like Keith

Mitchell, and how they hit it and how far they hit it, it's pretty motivating. It's either motivating or it motivates you to go home and sit on the couch.

**Q. Well, keep playing well because I hope my assignment tomorrow is, "Go get J-Byrd because he's turning it up."**

**JONATHAN BYRD:** I hope so.