

BRANDT JOBE (-6)

Q. Great job considering how hard it's playing.

BRANDT JOBE: It's a hard golf course. No let-up.

Q. What did you -- what was working so well?

BRANDT JOBE: You know, kind of being consistent. If I wasn't hitting the fairway, I was right around the edges. Fortunately, when I did miss a drive, I had a shot to punch out and get it up on the front of the green or right near it. Kind of kept the whole front of me pretty much the whole day. I was fairly consistent.

Q. How many holes did you have to play this morning to finish?

BRANDT JOBE: I played almost 28 holes. I'm tired. On this golf course with it being wet and long, it was a long day. But I think that's what happens on these days, you get momentum. If it gets going well, it goes real well, and if it gets going bad, it's a struggle. I got fortunate in the morning that I was able to get it in. Shot 1 under on my last 10 holes and came out today, started off quick, made a couple birdies and that kind of gives you a little cushion to get going. It was a fun day.

Q. So was the -- do you think the turning point was in the morning round?

BRANDT JOBE: Yeah, I think the morning round. For me it was the 16th hole. I was even for the round and I hit it left and had to punch out. Hit an unbelievable punch-out to 20 feet and made it. So all of a sudden I'm under par for the day, so that was -- it could have gone either way.

Q. That hole's a monster.

BRANDT JOBE: It's a monster, no doubt about that. Into the wind, you know. That was kind of, you know, the turning point, I think. And then just got finished up and had a little something to eat and got off to a good shot on one from about six, seven feet. The same thing on two. All of a sudden you're a couple under, 3 under, you can breathe a bit out here. That's kind of key, I think.

Q. Coming into this, did you feel like you were chasing Stricker? He's so hot.

BRANDT JOBE: Yeah, he's been playing great. Sometimes you've got to tip your cap and say Steve's playing great. Then you look out and he has a hole-in-one and shoots 6 under.

I'm like, just go figure, just a routine day for Steve. But he's playing good, and when someone's playing good you've got to give them credit where credit's due.

Q. The birdie on 16 today, was that --

BRANDT JOBE: That was in the fairway, down the fairway. A little sand wedge to about four feet and birdie. That's how you're supposed to play it. A lot easier, a lot less stressful.

Q. Any other big saves, par saves?

BRANDT JOBE: You know, not really. Like I said, the few -- I did miss some fairways. On 18 I missed it in the right trees, but I had a perfect opening, ran it up on the green in the first round. And I did that I think on the 13th hole today, which was huge because it was in a bad spot. Got on there, two-putted. For the most part, like I say, kept the ball around the fairways, got it on the greens and a couple putts went down, that was really it.

Q. I was standing on the hill on top of 18. How close did that putt come?

BRANDT JOBE: On 18?

Q. Yeah.

BRANDT JOBE: Not really. I missed it by a foot.

Q. How far was it, do you think?

BRANDT JOBE: Probably 25 feet.

Q. And how about 17?

BRANDT JOBE: Seventeen, I had a long putt, I had about a 40-footer down the hill. That was a good two-putt. Don't want that over.

Q. Do you -- I mean, you had a good tournament one year at Memorial. Is there something about Ohio?

BRANDT JOBE: I don't know.

Q. You're a West Coast guy?

BRANDT JOBE: Yeah, I think when you get out here, this golf course is so hard that it makes you just kind of really focus. And it's one of those courses, if you're on, then it seems to bring out the good in you. If you're off, it beats you up. That's kind of how our PLAYERS I think is supposed to be. That's a good way to have it. There will be some good scores and it will be interesting to see. It's a tough golf course. You break par, you've played really

well.

Q. Six under, you've got to be pretty --

BRANDT JOBE: Yeah, I'm very happy. Now I'm going to go rest and I've got a long weekend ahead of me. Lot of golf. This course, that's great you played good for two days, but there's so much golf to be played, I think, for everyone right now. It's that kind of a golf course. You get a little bit off and 75, 76, 77's right there. It's the honest truth. It's just a great golf course. It exposes your weaknesses, that's what it good course is supposed to do.