

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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JOSEPH BRAMLETT (-12)

Q. Joseph, 5-under 67, excellent round. If we can get some comments, please.

JOSEPH BRAMLETT: Thanks. Yeah, I played well today. I got off to a good start right out of the gate and birdied the first two holes, played the par 5s really solidly today, had a few eagle chances and birdied three of the four. Yeah, all in all, a solid day. Then birdied the last two, so a couple bookends start to finish.

Q. Rolling it really well. Just talk a little bit about your putting up to this point.

JOSEPH BRAMLETT: Yeah, it feels great. I've been working really hard with John Brown (sp?) the last two years and made a little adjustment with my grip right before Byron Nelson. I played great at Byron and I've been putting really well ever since.

Q. Anything in particular with the grip that you changed?

JOSEPH BRAMLETT: Yeah, just my right hand's a claw now. I'm not gripping it traditionally, it's a claw with my right hand and I feel like my right and left hand are working together now. Feels a lot like shooting hoops, the left arm stabilizes, the right arm does all the work.

Q. A lot of rain we've gotten this week, course is playing long. Does that play into your strengths as a long hitter going into the weekend?

JOSEPH BRAMLETT: Yeah, I think it certainly does. The soft conditions make the course play longer and make the par 5 greens a little softer so I can be a little more aggressive.

Q. Your first time at this event. What do you think so far and how do you like this course? How does it suit your game?

JOSEPH BRAMLETT: I think the course suits my game well. Kentucky is a beautiful place, man. This is my first time to Kentucky and I'm blown away. I didn't know what to expect coming here, but it is some of the most beautiful scenery I've gotten to experience all year.

Q. Three straight missed cuts coming in, but you did say you found sort of the change there with the grip. Has that been pretty much the key to getting back on track this week?

JOSEPH BRAMLETT: No. To be honest, I mean I changed my grip before Byron Nelson maybe about two months ago. I don't know what's happened the last three weeks. My game

hasn't felt that bad, I've just kind of barely missed a couple cuts. That's golf. It's just one of those games you can just as easily miss a cut or be in contention sometimes. Just trying to keep a really steady attitude, and every week we have so much to play for out here that I'm just trying to bring the right mindset, mentality and give it everything I've got.

Q. Just one shot back. How excited are you for the last two rounds?

JOSEPH BRAMLETT: I'm very excited, yeah. This is the opportunity that I've been looking for. This is the position you want to be in, so I'm really ready to get going tomorrow.