

**ROUND 2 INTERVIEW**  
**August 28, 2021**



**DOUG BARRON (-14)**

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**Q. Doug Barron, 8 under today, bogey free.**

**DOUG BARRON:** Sounds like a plan.

**Q. Two-shot lead so far heading into --**

**DOUG BARRON:** One shot, isn't it? Is it two or one?

**Q. Either way, just your thoughts on the round?**

**DOUG BARRON:** Well, I'm playing with kind of a heavy heart. My sponsor, my dearest friend, had a stroke last Sunday and he's in ICU, and really his son told me to play this week for him. So Mr. George Brian, I'm just thinking of him. He owns Waverly and a course called Mossy Oak in West Point, Mississippi. Really just thinking about him all day.

And my son gets deployed next week, I'm going to see him tomorrow night. I've got a lot of things on my mind, golf's not really important. So I guess the lesson of the week is don't think about golf so much.

**Q. You've been playing some of the best golf of your whole career lately. Can you attribute it to anything in particular?**

**DOUG BARRON:** I've got some great guys at home that keep me fit, I'm doing a lot of great mental things, I've got a great caddie, my wife's amazing.

**Q. How old's your son and where's he headed?**

**DOUG BARRON:** I can't tell you. He's 20, and I'd rather not say.

**Q. That's fine. Obviously the feeling of emotion of being unbelievably proud, but also a little bit --**

**DOUG BARRON:** A little scary. I'm going to see him tomorrow night, me and my wife. He's stationed in Fort Carson, so I'm going to see him tomorrow night. That would be a bittersweet one.

**Q. You say not really thinking about golf, but what does it mean to be able to just come out here, do something that you love for the people that you love?**

**DOUG BARRON:** Well, you know, I'm playing great. I'm trying to just play smart and play good. I'm putting beautifully. My caddie helps me so much. I was a little off in the pro-am and I got one little feel and I've literally missed two shots off the tee in two days. I'm playing with a lot of confidence. I just won obviously, y'all saw it on TV. Just having a lot of fun right now. I may be crying, but I'm having fun. I like to win, it's fun to win.

I tell you what, Ernie Els and I were eating the other day, last week in Seattle, and he goes, you know what, son, it's fun to win. I just, I like that, it is fun to win.

**Q. Put yourself in good position to win.**

**DOUG BARRON:** There's so many great players up here, you have to go play. No one's going to give it to you out here, that's a fact. All I can do is get ready for tomorrow. I love the position I'm in. If I play my game, I have a chance. I always say if you've got the lead, at least you can make a mistake or two, you can't really do it when you're behind, so that's kind of been my motto.

**Q. You had eight birdies today, you nearly had a ninth on 18. That was a bomb.**

**DOUG BARRON:** I drove it one foot in the rough. I was just trying to hit the center of the green and two-putt. That would be luck. You get lucky when you play smart sometimes, but when you go at the pin, that's when the bogeys come in. I'm hitting the ball great off the tee. That tee ball isn't necessarily set up for me, but the course, I'm still amazed at the low scores.

This is one of our favorite courses out here. I think everyone would say this is one of our top-5 best courses. The people are great, the course is phenomenal, the greens are amazing. I mean, I'm not counting anything, I know what I've got to go shoot tomorrow. My two wins, I shot 6 under both rounds, so I wouldn't expect anything less tomorrow if I'm going to win. I would have to probably shoot 6 or 7 under.

**Q. What's your son's name that's getting deployed?**

**DOUG BARRON:** Buzz Barron, John William.

**Q. And you said he's how old?**

**DOUG BARRON:** He's 20.

**Q. And is it your other son's birthday? The Golf Channel was asking.**

**DOUG BARRON:** Tomorrow, tomorrow.

**Q. Wiley, right? How old is he?**

**DOUG BARRON:** Fifteen.

**Q. So are they watching at home?**

**DOUG BARRON:** They're both watching.

**Q. They're not up here?**

**DOUG BARRON:** One's in Colorado and one's in Memphis. I've got a freshman in high school. He's been in school for two weeks. He's one of our top tennis players in the state of Tennessee. He loves golf, but he's a phenomenal tennis player and I look forward to watching him in the offseason. I learn more from him than he probably learns from me.