

ROUND 3 INTERVIEW  
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BRANDON CRICK ( -16)

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**Q. Brandon, 7-under 64, that's your lowest round of the season. Walk me through just kind of what was going right for you today.**

**BRANDON CRICK:** I mean, I've been hitting it great kind of the tail end of this last month and it's just all about getting the putts to fall. Finally I saw a few fall and gave myself some good opportunities, hit some good shots. It's always a bonus kind of on these par 3s to kind of get birdies, and I had a couple birdies on the front nine so I got off to a great start. Then I gave one back at the end, but it happens, you're going to hit bad shots. Had a nice up-and-down on 18 and looking forward to tomorrow.

**Q. This would mark the halfway point of our season. Just how would you assess you and your game so far in 2023?**

**BRANDON CRICK:** I got off to a little bit of a rusty start. I hadn't played a ton of golf going into this season. My wife and I just had a baby and she's almost three months old now, so that's pretty exciting times for us, so I just kind of hung out at home. We had kind of a rougher winter in western Nebraska so didn't get as much practice as I want, but now I kind of feel like I'm getting in more of a rhythm, tightening up some things on the golf course.

**Q. Do you have family in Nebraska? What keeps you there with playing golf?**

**BRANDON CRICK:** Yeah, all my family's western Nebraska and we're just, it's just a great spot. Small town of 7,000 people and we like where we're at.

**Q. How does it feel going from a small town, 7,000 people, to traveling and kind of being in an environment like this?**

**BRANDON CRICK:** Yeah, it's a little extra half day of travel basically compared to a lot of these guys that are in Dallas or some of these bigger cities, they can kind of fly back and forth, but it's totally worth it. As I said, we really like where we're at. Obviously the city was a change, but I went to college in Lincoln. I went to -- I also went to Spokane, Gonzaga for a couple years, too. I'm kind of used to a little bit of the city, too.

**Q. You mentioned kind of getting off to a rough start and obviously looks like some things coming into form for you here this week. Is there one thing in particular you're working on, focusing on or what's kind of shifted, do you think?**



**BRANDON CRICK:** I don't work on a whole heck of a lot, I'm kind of more of a feel player. I'm not one that has a ton of swing thoughts, I just kind of try to keep my head down and try to keep a level head the entire round. I usually do a pretty good job of that. But don't get me wrong, it's a little frustrating when you see all these putts missed, but today it was nice to see them go.

**Q. How is it playing in a pro-am format? Is that pressure off or how do you stay in the mindset of this is still my job and I have to kind of --**

**BRANDON CRICK:** Oh, I've got to be honest, I could care less like what was happening individually for me, I just wanted this for our team. I've played so much golf with Larry and it's been so much fun, but we really wanted to kind of get that W. Unfortunately fell a couple short, but we just had a blast. It's just so awesome seeing how good and how much he's progressed over the last few years.

**Q. Does he help keep things light? For example, that missed putt, does he kind of help you just --**

**BRANDON CRICK:** Oh, yeah, yeah, he never let's me get my head down, that's for sure. He always cracks a joke and kind of keeps me going. It's pretty awesome. It's definitely a good, kind of like at home playing with the boys feeling this week.

**Q. How does it feel going into the final round in contention?**

**BRANDON CRICK:** Oh, it feels great obviously. You can't be disappointed with this. I'm excited to get out there. It has been a while, but it's nice to be within striking distance. It's a course that if you get off to a good start you can really rattle off some birdies kind of like I did today. Just hoping for that good start and continuing to see the putts drop and go from there.

