

**Viking Classic
Annandale Golf Club
Madison, MS**

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First-round leader quotes

AN INTERVIEW WITH BRINY BAIRD

THE MODERATOR: We would like to welcome Briny Baird into the media center coming off a 9-under 64, that's some pretty good golf even with the delay, do you want to talk about your round.

BRINY BAIRD: It was a solid round. I hit a lot of greens. Someone said I hit 17 of 18 greens. That's good. I missed a couple of fairways. I think there is 2 keys to the round . One key is I made a ton of putts. The putter felt good. None of them were from way downtown or anything, but a lot of solid 16 to foot putts. When you do that, you will typically shoot a low round. The other thing, I hit it in the rough off the tee two or three times and had perfect lies and that's not going to continue. I made birdie on 10 with a perfect lie in the right hand rough. And made birdie on 5, I think No. 5, hitting it off in the left, over in the left trees and a couple of breaks like that can turn a 66 into a 63 just like that.

Q. Do you know if that is a first day tournament record?

BRINY BAIRD: Someone did just tell me that.

Q. Is that significant to you?

BRINY BAIRD: Not really. Course record, maybe something. But the first day low 18 not really.

Q. (Inaudible)?

BRINY BAIRD: I didn't play here last year.

Q. (Inaudible)?

BRINY BAIRD: You might be right. I thought of that in my round today. I thought I played last year. Are you sure I didn't?

Q. They don't have it in record books.

BRINY BAIRD: Obviously I didn't. A lot of the years run really close together evidently.

Q. They were making a big deal about the greens last year?

BRINY BAIRD: I thought I played last year. It shows you where your mind is a lot of times. That's why I played so good today probably. It's a big deal when you get greens like this.

Q. You have been here before when they were mushy, you putted them today, what were your thoughts today on them?

BRINY BAIRD: Well, they run true. It's better when you are hitting from the fairway to greens like this. It can be a little more difficult. Before your ball would slide next to the hole now you have to be a little bit more creative. You got to be careful when you are coming in with a mid-iron that it doesn't want to release on you a bunch. When you are chipping, they're going to roll out a little better. So all in all they putt better, but they play a little more difficult.

Q. Is this your best round of the year?

BRINY BAIRD: This year, yes.

Q. What's your best round in competition?

BRINY BAIRD: 62.

Q. Did the delay affect you?

BRINY BAIRD: Evidently not. I hit three shots and all three of them were good, so, no.

Q. Were you in the bunker on 18, fairway bunker?

BRINY BAIRD: Yes.

Q. Laid up to 120 some?

BRINY BAIRD: I laid up. We tried to hit it 142 yards out of the bunker and then had 128 yards from there to the pin, and I hit it 129.

Q. Wedge in?

BRINY BAIRD: 9-iron out of bunker, and wedge to the green.

Q. You look like you have somewhat of an unorthodox putting stance, I'm sure you had to talk about that before. I haven't seen it.

BRINY BAIRD: I got it from my teacher. He noticed I couldn't get some putts to the hole. He is like, man, you're moving all over it. Meaning I was moving back and forth like this (indicating) while I was putting. I said really. He said, stand on one foot. If you stand on one foot and you move around you will lose your balance really quick. I about fell over. He said, see your balance, it's terrible. He said stand on one foot, and just hit a bunch of putts like that for awhile and see how that feels. Until you get your balance settled better, I did that so much. And

that was seven years ago.

Q. You are putting your weight on which?

BRINY BAIRD: On my left foot.

Q. Were you always successful putting?

BRINY BAIRD: No. If I was always successful putting I would talk about how many wins I had. How many pars I had. No.

THE MODERATOR: You were successful today with 10 birdies and one bogey, we'll go over your card?

(Scorecard.)

Q. You made a lot of cuts this year, you are 106th on the Money List, did you struggle on the weekend?

BRINY BAIRD: That's pretty accurate. I made a lot of cuts and haven't done much with it. It can be frustrating if you miss a lot of cuts. The game is a humbling game. It can be such a frustrating game as well at times. The year is what it is, I can't do anything about it now. But to come up here, I've been pretty accurate, I made a lot of cuts and just didn't do much on the weekends.

Q. (Inaudible)?

BRINY BAIRD: Keep shooting 63 I guarantee I will win. If I shoot 63 every day and don't win I'm done. You try to get it as comfortable as you can on the golf course with your game. There is times where you are playing and your score can be good and you're still not comfortable with the way you are playing, just things really went your way. I had a couple of breaks today but I felt pretty comfortable with what I did today. Hopefully that continues for three more days.

THE MODERATOR: Briny, thanks for coming in.

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