

Crowne Plaza Invitational at Colonial
Colonial Country Club
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Second-round Interviews

AN INTERVIEW WITH BRIAN BATEMAN

(Interview by tape.)

Q. Second round, 65 today, good contention. Still a couple of shots back. When you finish your round, who knows what Johnson is going to do. Talk about the difference between yesterday and today?

BRIAN BATEMAN: Well, I made a few more putts today, hit the ball about the same, but seemed to convert a few more opportunities.

I hit it close a few more times, but I like the golf course. It sets up well for me. I got good visuals off the tee. If I can just keep my putter halfway heated it, I should be in good shape.

Q. At this point going into tomorrow, as it stands right now, you are 3 back, like I mentioned before, who knows where that's going to be at the end of the day, are you preparing to be maybe about five or six shots back tomorrow?

BRIAN BATEMAN: No, I struggled so much this year I'm just proud of the way I played. I can't worry about what everyone else does. It's going to be windy this afternoon, tomorrow and Sunday. So it's going to take some more birdies. I don't think a 5-under is going to win the tournament. You know, I've got to keep playing, keep doing what I'm doing. I just got to keep making some putts.

Q. You mentioned your struggles so far this year, is it a little different this year knowing that you got your card through the end of '09 as opposed to maybe struggling in years passed where you are always fighting toward the end of the year. Does it feel different?

BRIAN BATEMAN: No, because when you struggle you struggle. It leaves bad taste in your mouth. I have had a few injuries this year that I've had to battle through. Some confidence issues. It's been a long year. I haven't really had any

good weeks. I played decent at The Masters. But other than that it's been kind of one week I don't hit it quite as well. I don't make as many putts. And the next week I don't hit it very close. But, no, the setbacks are the same.

Q. You see a couple of "Go Tigers" signs around here, a pretty good LSU contingency?

BRIAN BATEMAN: Yes, it's always good to see LSU people.

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