

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

## AN INTERVIEW WITH BRETT WETTERICH

CHRIS REIMER: Brett, thanks so much for coming in, 5-under 65. Your best first round in quite a while. It probably feels good to get off to a good start I would think.

**BRETT WETTERICH:** It is. Probably the best round I shot all year. It's been a struggle for me early on this year. It's nice to come back out and finally get a good round as you said. It felt good on especially such a tough day as I thought out there.

CHRIS REIMER: How were the conditions?

**BRETT WETTERICH:** It was tough. It was really windy, swirling a lot around. You really had to pay attention and figure out where the wind was coming from before before you let it rip.

CHRIS REIMER: Is this a golf course you like?

**BRETT WETTERICH:** I haven't had success here, that's for sure. I like how the layout is. If you think your way around the golf course and not get ahead of yourself, I think it's a great golf course.

Q. How tough has it been just this year? You seem to be on the verge to really breakthrough, and I know it's got to be a struggle for you?

**BRETT WETTERICH:** It's tough, I had two great years the last two years, and to come out here and be injured even early on the first three before, I stopped playing, I wasn't healthy. It was frustrating. It still is now. I still don't feel like I'm over the hump shooting a 5-under. I still got a lot of work to do. I want to be able to keep it together for the next three rounds.

Q. Can you take us through an abbreviated version of the injury and stuff like

that?

**BRETT WETTERICH:** It was a torn labrum in my left shoulder. It's cartilage around your ball and socket. I tore that, and I went and saw Dr. Andrews, and I thought I was going to have surgery, he said why don't you try rehabbing it. I'm like, no, let's just do the surgery and get it over with.

He is like, no, try the rehab.

So I did, I went to home to Jupiter, and I did rehab for three weeks and started hitting balls and the pain wasn't there. So I just kept playing and playing and playing. It seems to be okay. It's a little sore every now and then but it's not nearly anything like it was.

Q. Did you make it back for The Masters?

**BRETT WETTERICH:** Yes. My first tournament back I played Doral because I was like, I might as well. It's a good tournament to come back on. I am feeling okay enough to play. There is no cut. It was a good spot for me being close to home, and I felt great on that tournament. I never had any pain. So I have been playing ever since.

Q. Soreness isn't something as you get later into a tournament?

**BRETT WETTERICH:** No, just every now and then. More so warming up. It takes a few minutes to warm up then I'm fine. The sharp pains I was having before I stopped playing is gone. So I'm happy.

Q. Did you injure your shoulder in golf or was it some other related activity?

**BRETT WETTERICH:** I don't know. There is other things that could have happened that hurt it, but I'm not 100% sure.

Q. When did you first notice it?

**BRETT WETTERICH:** This year in Hawaii. I was hitting balls on the range. It feels a little funny. I kept playing all through that tournament and it got progressively worse through the next two.

Q. Were is surfing in Hawaii?

**BRETT WETTERICH:** No, that's one thing you don't have to worry about me doing. Sharks and me don't agree.

Q. You hit the ball a long way, how do you negotiate your way around Colonial; do you hit a lot of drivers?

**BRETT WETTERICH:** It's just depends how I'm feeling. I feel like I'm hitting the ball really good, so I hit more drivers than I normally would. But a lot of irons off tees and 3-woods and 5-woods. It's a pretty good mixture of different clubs. I felt like was hitting my driver good enough today on a couple of holes where normally I might hit a 5-wood or a 3-wood, but feeling good I hit a driver.

Q. What did you do on 11?

**BRETT WETTERICH:** I hit one down there pretty good. I hit 5-iron into that green just to the left, left green-side bunker and got up and down from there. I hit a pretty good one there.

Q. You had a 367 yard drive?

**BRETT WETTERICH:** I think it was a little farther than that, but we will stay with

that.

Q. That was kind of during a hot streak you had; 11, 12, 13, you kind of had things going there? Did that get you going?

**BRETT WETTERICH:** Yes, it did. 11 was a good hole for me. 12, I hit a great drive and only had like 80 something yards into the hole. And I hit it in there like ten feet or so and made that putt. So I'm feeling good.

The next hole is kind of tough figuring out the wind, and I ended up going with 7-iron, hit it close and made the putt. It was a good stretch for me there.

The next few holes after that, I did what I had to, I guess, made pars and got out of there.

Q. As far as just the wind today, is it consistently difficult to pull clubs? It will lay down for 5 minutes, be up for 10 minutes?

**BRETT WETTERICH:** Certain spots. There was a couple of holes where it was swirling around a little bit. For most of the part of the day it was going the way it should. But just a few shots here and there you can feel it switching around.

You had to kind of back off of it a couple of times. For the most part it was pretty consistent.

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