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Second-round leader quotes

**AN INTERVIEW WITH DAVID BRANSHAW**

**MODERATOR:** We would like to welcome David Branshaw into the interview area. You are coming off of a very nice couple of days here at the Viking Classic. Let's talk about your round.

**David Branshaw:** Yesterday was good solid round. A lot of good chances for birdie. Putting is okay. I hit some fairways, and when I hit it in the rough today I had some decent lies. It wasn't too penalizing. Other than that it's been solid and no bogies that is good.

**MODERATOR:** You never played good here, you never made the cut?

**David Branshaw:** I have a really good caddy this week. A really good caddy. Last week was our first week together and we had a decent week last week. And he is just good.

**THE MODERATOR:** We'll take some questions.

**Q** Who is the caddy?

**David Branshaw:** Steve Duplantis.

**Q** Is that Rich Beem's former caddy?

**David Branshaw:** Rich Beem, Jim Fuhrer, he was with Chopra the last three years. He got himself in a little trouble a few years ago. I think he has straightened himself out.

**Q** How does he help you? What has he done? What does a caddy do to help you?

**David Branshaw:** He is just good. He is just good.

**Q** Is he like a coach almost? Is he that way good?

**David Branshaw:** The coaching as far as --

**Q** Maybe the mental aspect? When you say, 'he tunes you in'?

**David Branshaw:** It's going to play this far. This is the club we're gonna hit. And I think we've only been off base two times in the last six rounds; two, maybe

three.

**Q** How did you end up employing him?

David Branshaw: He lives in the same area that I live in, in Tampa. And we have played a few rounds of golf together before. And before the FedEx he said that he would be open and we said we would give it a shot.

**Q** A lot have has been made for the fall finish as a chance for guys that struggle or who have not made their money to really do it now in the next seven events. Talk about where you stand, and what this would mean for you to play, if not win here, but play really well here, what it can do for your career?

David Branshaw: I don't know what my standing was going into the FedEx. The four weeks off I had for FedEx it straightened the game out a little bit, and I have a good opportunity for the next six weeks to make some money. But the confidence is starting to get better last week. It's still getting there. It's still got a little way to go until I feel comfortable with my game. But it's a heck of a lot better than it was five weeks ago. It was horrible. I got a bad lesson back in March. And I thought I was done for the whole year. It was horrible.

**Q** It was your game and just all of a sudden you lost it?

David Branshaw: Yeah. Yeah. It started out, you know, last year, November/December. I took the two months off, I was lazy and it was a long year. I was not prepared to go back out starting the year. And the first two months weren't that great. And I was all ears as far as swing tips go. And this teacher came along and really messed it up bad. I lost a lot of balls. He messed me up bad.

**Q** Tell us a little bit about your back story. You are second year pro but you are 37. What has your career been like?

David Branshaw: I played '97 I had conditional status. I met a girl from Louisiana. And I quit golf for a year and a half. I started up again Canadian Tour '99, 2000 and 2001, I played the Canadian tour. '02 and '03, I played the Nationwide Tour. And '04 out here and I lost my card and went back to the Nationwide Tour for the '05 year. And I got my card back for last year. I had a decent year last year too, I played good and solid for most of the year, but I didn't play good in the big purse tournaments last year. And this year it's just been bad.

**Q** How many times have you been to Q-school have you gone a bunch?

David Branshaw: Yeah. Yeah. At least -- the finals I think I've only been to finals three times. I think three, I don't know. I believe I have been there three times. But the first or second stage each year I filled out an application maybe 10 or 11 times. I forgot last year. I made a couple of cuts coming down the stretch to keep it.

**Q** Can we talk about your card. You said no bogeys. A good strong finish today?

David Branshaw: Today there was never -- I don't think I had a tough par putt today. Yesterday I had a couple. Yesterday I had a couple putts around 10-foot for par. And I think there was two of 'em. And I made both of those, but today, I had some opportunities today, maybe 8 good birdie opportunities, I'd say I made four of 'em. It's tough. We got to No. 7, I guess and the TV cameras came out

every shot and every hole. And I kind of lost concentration a little bit. I shouldn't of, but I did. It's been a long time since they have been filming me. I kind of got out of my mind-set there until I believe they left after 13. And then I played 14 and on in pretty solid. So maybe tomorrow will be a little better. Feel a little more comfortable.

**Q** You said you had 11 straight pars today?  
**David Branshaw:** Yeah.

**Q** You finished with two birdies?  
**David Branshaw:** Birdie, birdie. I made a good putt on 17. Probably 18 feet down the hill about a half a foot of break and the green was pretty bumpy.

**Q** The shot link said it was 25 feet?  
**David Branshaw:** 25 feet.

**Q** The pin was on the right back, that's a hump right there, isn't it?  
**David Branshaw:** If the green was fast it would have been a trickier putt. But because it was a little slower, later in the day, a little slower you didn't have to worry about it getting 4 or 5 or 10-foot past on you.  
**THE MODERATOR:** Anything else guys?

**Q** How about on 18?  
**David Branshaw:** 18, it was maybe 4 or 5 feet. I couldn't go for the green in two shots. I had a little clump of mud on the front. And just didn't trust that it would fly the right distance. To cover the front of the green I think we had 240ish, which is fine for, no problem. Covering with a 3 wood any time you have a little spec of mud you have to be careful. That water kind of scares you a little bit.  
**THE MODERATOR:** That's it fellows.  
**David Branshaw:** Thanks guys.