



Brandon Wilson

2009 US Kids Golf Tour "Player Of The Year"

2009 Junior Tour of Baltimore "Player Of The Year"

"2009 YEAR IN REVIEW"

Kingsville Elementary School eight-year old Brandon Wilson had another very successful golf season playing on two Junior Golf Tours, The Junior Tour of Baltimore and the Philadelphia South US Kids Golf Tour. After the winter was over we got right back to working on his golf game. Brandon's golf swing has always be great and each year he gets longer of the tee and with working on his short game and putting it has helped Brandon become a much better golfer this season. Thanks to Damon the head pro at Mt Branch Golf Club for working with Brandon over the years to make him a better player. Also PGA Golf Instructor Joe Plecker from Baltimore Country Club for his time to work with Brandon to improve his game this season. Also Steve Johnson Brandon's fitness provider from the Titleist Performance Institute to help keep Brandon fit, eating, drinking properly and keeping a positive mind set while playing in golf tournament. Also thanks for Steve's excellent advise when we needed it. Brandon would not be the player he is today without Damon, Joe and Steve's expert instruction. It has been a very successful year for Brandon and we are looking forward to many more to come.

Brandon is a great little golfer but even more a great person and has great sportsmanship no matter what place he finishes in. Golf has defiantly helped him grow and learn many things about life. It has also allowed Brandon and I (his dad) precious time together. Special thanks to Mt. Branch Golf Club in Joppa, MD for giving Brandon the privileges to practice and play on the course anytime to work on his game. Without a home like Mt. Branch he would never be the awesome player and person he is today.

Stats from the last three-years on the Junior Golf Tours:

2007: 6-years old

US KIDS GOLF TOUR ~ 5-Wins – 2 - 2ND and 1- 5TH In World Qualifiers – Winner of the year ending Tour Championship and earned **Philadelphia South Tour** US Kids Player Of The Year. Qualified for US Kids World Golf Championship in Pinehurst , NC – World Ranking in 60th.

LOWEST TOURNAMENT SCORE FOR 9-HOLES 41

2008: 7-years old

US KIDS GOLF TOUR ~ **Maryland/Delaware US Kids Golf Tour** 6-Wins – 2 - 2ND and Winner of the year ending Tour Championship and earned Maryland/Delaware US Kids Player Of The Year and a automatic invite to the 2009 World Golf Championships in Pinehurst.

Philadelphia South US Kids Golf Tour 5-Wins – 1 - 2ND and Winner of the year ending Tour Championship and earned Philadelphia South US Kids Player Of The Year.

US Kids World Golf Qualifiers: 2 - 2nd 1 - 3rd - World Ranking in 63rd.

LOWEST TOURNAMENT SCORE FOR 9-HOLES 37

JUNIOR TOUR OF BALTIMORE: Played in 3 events 2 wins - 1 - 2nd against the 8-9 year olds.

2009: 8-years old

US KIDS GOLF TOUR ~ Philadelphia South US Kids Golf Tour 4-Wins - 3 - 2ND - 1 - 3rd and Came in 2nd in the year ending Tour Championship. Winner of the Philadelphia South US Kids Player Of The Year and a automatic invite to the 2010 World Golf Championships in Pinehurst.

US Kids World Golf Qualifiers: 2 - 2nd - 1 - 3rd

JUNIOR TOUR OF BALTIMORE: Played in 5 events and won ALL 5 which earned him Player Of The Year on the JTOB. **LOWEST TOURNAMENT SCORE FOR 9-HOLES 38**

Highlights for Brandon's 2009 Junior Golf Tours Season

On the Junior Tour Of Baltimore Brandon played in the 8-9 year old bracket. He won all five events he played in and shot a 38 as his lowest score at Turf Valley Golf Club. This earned him Player Of The Year on the Junior Tour Of Baltimore. He made many great new friends this season, which he really enjoyed. With the dedication Brandon has putt into his game since he was 2 years old, it has paid off and he deserves all the credit and awards he is earning.

On the US Kids Golf Tour Brandon had more competition. Brandon came in first four times, second three times and third one time. He always lead in the total points but it came down to two other good players and Brandon to win "Player Of The Year". Brandon finished up strong on the last week of the 2009 golf tournament season. On Monday August 12th we started our last three events of the year at Compass Pointe, which he won. Then we headed to Morgantown PA that night to stay in a hotel for an 8:00 tee time the next day at Stonewall Golf Club in PA. Brandon won that day as well. Then we headed home to pick up his Mom to go right back to the same hotel in Morgantown, PA for an overnight stay to get up for an 8:09 tee time at Honey Brook Golf Club in PA for the end of year US Kids Tour Championship. He played really good except for 2 holes where his tee ball cost him some shots. At the end of the day he came in second and had enough points to win "Player of the Year" on the US Kids Tour for the third year in a row. He had some great rounds and had some rounds he struggled with but he always tried to finish strong all the way to the last putt. One event he won he had a very rough start but because of his focus to finish strong he shot one under on the last five holes to pull out the win. He was five over after four holes. We had a little talk walking to the fifth tee box about having five holes to play, plenty of holes to make up shots and finishing strong. Well long story short Brandon shot the next five holes one under and ended up winning by three shots. That was a great finish for an 8-year old boy to be able to focus and pull that out. Another great win for Brandon came at the end of the season when he didn't have his A game but he still ended up with the same score as another boy for first place. They had to have a playoff to determine the winner so they headed out to the par three 18th. They both hit great shots to the hole every time. On the third playoff attempt Brandon hit a great shot pin high eight feet and made it for birdie for the win. That's how you win if you never give up until the end.

US Kids Player Of The Year in 2008 awarded Brandon and trip to Pinehurst for the 2009 US Kids World Golf Championship. Three days of competition against the best 120 - 8-year olds in the world. The first week of August we headed to Pinehurst for the World Golf Championship since he was invited from winning Player Of The Year last year. The event is amazing with all the different kids from different states and countries to the opening ceremonies with a huge parade through the village of Southern Pines. Thousands of people come out to watch and cheer on all the kids. Amazing time.

All the golfers at the Worlds have qualified to be there by a local qualifier or becoming Player Of The Year. All the kids their can flat out play at all ages. The golf course was long and tough so Brandon struggled at times. Unfortunately Brandon didn't play his best and finished around 100th. Brandon had a great time with his friends that he has met over the years. US Kids Golf Association ran a perfect week of golf. With Brandon winning Player Of The Year this year he has been invited back to the Worlds for the forth time in 2010. Recently he was also invited to play in the US Kids Dessert Shootout in Arizona for his excellent play on the tour this season.

The 98 Rock Golf Challenge: Mickey Cucchiella from 98 Rock heard about Brandon and asked Brandon to come on his morning show. With Mickey being an avid golfer he was amazed at how talented Brandon was at golf. Not just playing the game but knowing about the golf swing, rules PGA Players and the game it self. They had a good time on the show that day and Mickey challenged Brandon to a nine-hole golf match. Brandon accepted. Mickey really had no idea how good Brandon really was until he played a match against him this summer. When the producer asked Brandon if he thought he would beat Mickey, Brandon's responded in his soft voice was... *easily*. They all just laughed. The match was played on a weekday evening at Mt. Branch Golf Club, Brandon's home course. Thirty or so people showed up to see if Mickey could beat an 8-year old boy at golf. Mickey played from the back tee boxes and Brandon played from the US Kids Golf yardages as he plays out on the tour. Without going through every hole I will just recap how the match went. Mickey hit his first drive pretty far down the first fairway. Brandon with no worries about his game drove the ball on the green in one on a par four. We heard Mickey said O my, I'm in trouble with this kid. Mickey was on the green in two but three putted for a five and Brandon 3 putted for a four to win the hole and go one up. Brandon then one the third hole to go two up and then Mickey came back with a win on hole four and five to square the match up. Brandon hit a great shot on the seventh par three and made par to win the hole. They halved the eighth hole and then Mickey won the par 3 ninth to win the hole and square the match up. So they had to play extra holes to see who was the true winner. They both made par on the 10th hole and both made bogey on the 11th hole. It all came down to the third playoff hole number 12 and par five. Mickey hit his drive right in the high fescue. Brandon drove his ball perfectly down the right side of the fairway. Mickey had to just punch out and then hit his third shot over an environmental area to the

fairway about thirty yards from the green. Brandon hit a great second shot over the environmental area but when we got to his ball it was sitting deep in a divot about 70 yards out from the green. With no worries Brandon said to me, I can hit that shot I'm great out of divots. This was probably one of the best shots Brandon ever hit. He hit a nine iron hard into the ball out of the divot to a front pin that ended up five feet behind the pin. Incredible shot for anyone to hit let a lone an 8-year old. Mickey had to hole out from thirty yards hitting his fourth shot to have any chance. Mickey hit his ball long across the green and Brandon made his five foot birdie putt for the win. It was a great match and they both had a great time playing against each other. The fans watched were very impressed by both Mickey and Brandon's play. Brandon was invited back on Mickey's 98 Rock morning show the next day to recap the event and it was a great time for both of them. Mickey had to say on the air...I got beat in golf by a second grader. Brandon also asked Mickey on the air to sign the golf ball he beat him with. That was funny. They were both great sports and Mickey and Brandon are in the process of setting up a rematch to help raise money for a local charity.

The 2009 Golf Season for Brandon was very exciting and challenging for all of us in the Wilson Family. Thanks for all the support everyone has shared with us.

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