

**PODS Championship  
Innisbrook Golf Resort  
Copperhead Course  
Tampa Bay, Fl**

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**Final-round tournament quotes**

**AN INTERVIEW WITH BILLY MAYFAIR**

PHIL STAMBAUGH: Billy Mayfair, final round 72. Obviously, it was a struggle for a lot of players out there today but you have your best finish since last year's Wyndham's Championship. Just maybe a couple general thoughts about the day. We had a nice sunny day to play with not as much wind but still a struggle.

**BILLY MAYFAIR:** Still a struggle. The golf course was playing hard. I've said this before, and I will say it time and time again, I think this is the best golf course we play in Florida. Nothing against Sawgrass or Doral. I love Doral, and all of those places.

But character, and shot making and greens and putting and all of that, this is probably the best course we play in the state of Florida on the TOUR.

And I think the scores owed it. Obviously we had a lot of wind this week and some bad weather. The golf course held its own. I guess you got to say the golf course won over us today. It feels like we played a Major this week.

We need to rest the next few days and tackle another Major down there at Bay Hill.

PHIL STAMBAUGH: Can you compare the conditions yesterday and today as far as the golf course goes?

**BILLY MAYFAIR:** Well, one it was warmer. The wind wasn't blowing as hard. But I think they had a lot better pin placements. The greens were a whole lot better. Yesterday, it was hard out there yesterday afternoon being in the last group with those greens. They started at 7:30 that morning thing and played through, and we had rain the night before, so the greens were rough and bumpy. Today, I thought the golf course was in great shape. It should have played easier. The scores should have been better, but they

weren't for some reason. Probably just the pressure of Sunday and the pin placements

**PHIL STAMBAUGH:** You are in the thick of it as we head to the back 9, can you take us through your back nine and talk about the different players and position and what not.

**BILLY MAYFAIR:** Well, first off, I don't watch the board very much, so I can't really tell who was going what and all of that. I knew I was up there and I knew I was playing good and had a good chance to win and all of that.

When I made bogey on 11, from the middle of the fairway. I had 135 yards downwind, and I hit a wedge and it just flew on me and went over the green and hit a good chip about six feet by and missed it coming back. That took a lot of the sails out. One, because Sean made birdie there, so he picked up two shots on me.

You got to make birdies on the par-5s out here. I bogeyed it not only today, and I bogeyed it yesterday.

No. 11, when I look back, is probably the hole hurt me the most.

And 16, I made bogey on 16. I hit a bad drive in the right rough, had to chip out and missed the green and made another good putt.

But the last couple of years I haven't won because I haven't made the putts coming down the stretch. And today, I didn't hit the ball good enough to win. Maybe one of these weeks it will go hand and hand, and we'll get a W.

Q. Did it feel nice to be in contention on a Sunday?

**BILLY MAYFAIR:** It felt great. I mean, you know, you get nervous out there. I thought about it on 18, and all of those people, and the excitement and hustle and bustle out there.

Your heart is pounding, but you love every second of it. That's what we practice for. This is why I'm still out here doing this stuff. Yes, I like to make a lot of money and do a lot of things, but we want to win. You want to get in those last groups and have a chance coming down those last holes on Sunday. That's what makes you go hit balls and practice, and work out and sacrifice everything in your life do to do this.

Q. You guys are not running in the same circles, but what do you know about Sean and his game? I guess it's no real \*surprise that he is maturing in the layer?

**BILLY MAYFAIR:** Sean is a great player. I know his instructor well. We played at Gray Hawk on Sunday. He was one out of the lead on 17, and ended up making double bogey on 17. I passed him, and I finished third. He was right there again. He has all of the tools. He hits the ball long way, hits it great. Great iron player. He didn't make that many putts today but I don't think anybody did. Obviously, he has got the length and the short game to do very well out here. He played awfully solid today.

Q. You began by saying how much you liked this golf course, I assume then it would make you very sad if you're not back here next year?

**BILLY MAYFAIR:** It would be horrible, absolutely horrible. I think if you look at other than the World Tour events this might be the best golf course and the best field we have all year. That's contributed not only the PODS and their sponsorships, and Fed Ex, but Gerald Goodwin. Gerald does a have heck of a job here. I knew Gerald when he was working for The TOUR. If there is any sponsors out there, anyone wants to do it, Gerald will find someone.

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