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**Third-round interviews**

**AN INTERVIEW WITH BILLY MAYFAIR**

THE MODERATOR: Billy, thanks for joining us. You put together three great grounds from in the 60's so far this week, and leading the field in greens and regulations and tied for first in driving accuracy, talk about your week so far, obviously a good one.

BILLY MAYFAIR: Well, I have been thrilled to death. I have had a hard time this year on Saturdays. I was in good position last week at the Nelson going into Saturday. I shot a couple over. Getting off to a good start today, eagle on 1, and birdie on 3, jump-started me and got me going. To kind of keep it going through the whole round, even though I made two bogeys on the back side, which was a little disappointing. I love the way I'm playing. I feel real confident with my golf swing. I love my position. Kenny is just a lot ahead of us. He is just playing great. You can't take anything away from that.

Q. Talk about the putter a little bit, the greens in regulation are great, if you can't convert the putt, you're not going to be near the top, you are doing that this week?

BILLY MAYFAIR: Yes, that was my biggest problem last year too when I didn't play all that well. I hit the ball pretty well last year. I didn't putt well. I didn't hit the putts you need to make. And pretty much this whole year, since LA, I really have putted well this year and given myself=, put myself in a lot of good positions going into the weekend.

Q. It looks like you will be paired with Kenny tomorrow you were first in at 11. Talk about playing the final group, a big deficit to make up, but you will know where Kenny is the whole time?

BILLY MAYFAIR: Yes, I will definitely know how Kenny is playing. He is a great guy. I'm sure he is interested in the horse race today and all of that. We played great together. Obviously he is playing great, so I love having the fact playing with somebody really playing good right now should help me.

THE MODERATOR: Questions?

Q. (Inaudible)?

BILLY MAYFAIR: Well, you know, it was hot all day. I woke up this morning at 7:30 it was already 85 degrees. Even the guys who got out early this morning had to contend with some of the heat. Obviously it was pretty warm. I probably drank at least six bottles of water. I got a Gatorade solution I put in there just for the taste. I drank six bottles of that. I put a cold towel on my back, my neck and on my face the whole time.

Living in Arizona, I'm used to the heat. This is different, a lot more humidity. If it was this hot in Arizona right now, I probably wouldn't be out in Arizona. That's why we work out. That's why we get in condition. That's why we are athletes. A lot of people don't think we are athletes. We are athletes, coming to weather like this, and temperatures like this, to be out there four-and-a-half five hours and keep on concentrating, I don't think there is too many other athletes that can do that except race car drivers.

Q. Being as fair skinned as you are, I wonder (inaudible)?

BILLY MAYFAIR: No, I put sun block on every day before I go out to play, practice or anything. My instructor, my very first instructor I had, Mark Watkins was his name, had skin cancer real bad on his arms and I saw that growing up and it kind of made me want to always put sun block on.

Q. 200, 300?

BILLY MAYFAIR: It 35 to be honest with you. It's glaring awfully good. I see a dermatologist probably three times a year when I'm home just to make sure everything is all right. They say everything I'm doing is pretty good. As much as I'm out in the sun. I feel lucky for that. You got to take care of yourself out here, that's for sure. You got to take care of yourself out here in this heat. I don't know if any spectators have gone down or any players. It's hot out there.

Q. I want to ask you if you could go through the putter story again, buying the \$15 dollar putter briefly?

BILLY MAYFAIR: I struggled with my putter a lot last year. I had my worse year in the PGA Tour. It was the first time I was ever out of the Top-125 in 15 years. I started working with Rick Smith in August. We started working before the Buick Open in Flint. And after changing our grip, putters, we came to the conclusion that we needed to go to the belly putter just to give it a try. I wasn't sure if I wanted to do that or not, it made me look like I kind of played on the Senior Tour or something like that. I shot 82 the third round at Greensboro, that was the final straw that broke the camel's back. If you ever been to Greensboro, there is a gentleman that sits right outside the entrance of the golf course with a huge barrel of clubs and all of that. I sent my caddy and my best friend down there, I didn't want to go down there, you never know what the guy might think. I sent them down there and they bought this putter out of the barrel for 15 bucks. It looked like a Callaway 2 -ball putter. But the shaft was a lot more (inaudible.) Shooting an 82 on Sunday, I wasn't going to beat anyone else in the field. I actually putt pretty well with it on Sunday. I can't say I putted better. It was a lot easier to putt. The next week I went to Disney. I talked to Vijay Singh before that and asked him what he thought was the best long putter would be to try and he told me the Bobby Gray son putter would be, to try, and he told me the Bobby Grace would be the best to try. I talked to Bobby Grace down there at the Disney Classic and he made a putter for me. I still have it in the bag today. The biggest thing I guess I can say is it's given me a lot more confidence. When I leave the golf course now I'm not thinking about my putting. I'm not thinking, how am I going to putt, how am I going to putt? I let it go and put my mind a lot more at ease.

Q. Talk about struggling on Saturday this year, a lot of times guys talk about struggling Sunday, can you put a finger on why Saturday, just a coincidence?

BILLY MAYFAIR: I think we all go through phases out here. If you are out here on this TOUR long enough, you are going to have weeks where you struggle on Thursday, struggle on Friday, play great on Saturday, struggle on Saturday. It's just a phase we go through. Fortunately in the last couple of months, I have given myself nice chances going into the weekend and haven't taken advantage of it.

I had that thought going into today, I let last week get by me, I think I shot 1-over for the weekend. If you shoot two or 3-under par for the weekend, I would have had a great tournament. Who know? Getting off to a fast start today, eagle on one and birdie on 3, kind of threw those worries out the window, what I was trying to do was keep playing aggressive.

Q. You didn't want to be seen buying the putter, were you really self conscious?

BILLY MAYFAIR: No, I don't think I was self conscious of spectators watching me. I caught some grief from the TOUR pros from the other guys.

Q. What was the funniest thing, who was able to jab you the most?

BILLY MAYFAIR: Phil Mickelson probably jabbed me the most, he left a cane in my locker. A lot of guys, all of my ASU buddies gave me a hard time. I went to Gary McCord (phn), and I said what are you going to talk about now on TV? I don't cut my stroke anymore. You don't have anything to talk about it. As long as those guys keep kidding me about it, I know they like me and all. Like I said, I'm putting great with it. It's been working.

Q. I'm curious as happy as you are with the way you are playing and to be at 11-under, is it kind of hard to figure out how guys shooting 18-under, wherever Kenny is at the now?

BILLY MAYFAIR: No, because Kenny has done this before. I think he ran away. Two years ago he ran away with it. Ran away with it at the Memorial the next week. I played a lot of golf with Kenny. He hits it high and far. He can really roll with rock. When he gets it going, he is hard to beat, no doubt. Like I said, I don't wish anyone bad on anyone tomorrow. I'm going to go out and play the best I can to see what happens, but he is going to be hard to catch.

THE MODERATOR: What happened on 16, you shot one over the grandstand.

BILLY MAYFAIR: It was weird. My caddy and I, we played our practice round on Tuesday, that back right pin on 16 really gives me a hard time. We both knew it would be ideal hitting it hit it just over the top of the flag. If it goes long, you have enough to chip it to the hole. Unfortunately, I left that 7-iron out to the right. I thought it was going to catch the mound or the hill and kick back down. I even thought it would kick back down on the green for a second as hard as the ground is here. All of a sudden, it kicked straight up and went right in the clubhouse. I was afraid it went over the fence. I didn't know where it had gone. Fortunately it was in the flower bed, still part of the clubhouse, got a drop. I was very happy with a 4. It could have been disastrous there. After knocking it down on the front, and 2-putted, I should have hit it on the front of the green, 2-putted and got out there. It's probably the hardest pin on that green. I think the guys would agree with me it's the most difficult pin placement.

Q. On 13, did you go over club or killed it?

BILLY MAYFAIR: I just killed it. I got the ball low, the wind never touched it. It flew right over the top of the flag of the back bunker.

Q. What did you hit there?

BILLY MAYFAIR: A 6-iron. I had 183, a little wind. I hit a 5-iron in there on Thursday into the wind, and hit on it on the back edge, so I thought six was great.

Q. Billy, I'm assuming, it probably looks like it's going to be 7 back, nobody has made up that kind of a deficit on a leader -- a leader hasn't given up a 7 stroke lead before, do you look at it, there is always a first time or take it as the day goes by?

BILLY MAYFAIR: Well, I approach tomorrow and just go out and play the best I can. And like I said, again, I'm not going to wish anything bad on anyone. Especially on Kenny because he is a good friend. I'm going to go out and play the best as I can. If he stumbles, maybe I will be there. I'm just going to go out and play the best I can, and keep on trying to make as many birdies. Keep in a good position, stay in a good position on the leader board and see what happens.

Q. (Inaudible)?

BILLY MAYFAIR: I just kind of take what the course gives me. I mean you can say, with my start today with an eagle on one, I can say I'm going to try eagle one tomorrow. I don't know if that's realistic. You hope it is. I'm just going to go and hit the drive down the middle of the fairway on one and go from there. I'm not going to try to attack the golf course or anything like that, getting off to a start. If you mess up, if Kenny messes up, you are kicking yourself for that. I can't control what Kenny does. Obviously he is playing great. Like I said, I'm just going to have to play the best I can tomorrow and see what happens.

THE MODERATOR: Thank you.