
**Crowne Plaza Invitational at Colonial
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Pre-round Interviews

AN INTERVIEW WITH MATT WEIBRING

MARK WILLIAMS: Matt Weibring, thanks for coming in and joining us in the interview room at the Crowne Plaza Invitational at Colonial. You're a champions' choice this week, speak to us what that means to you and what you are looking forward to this week.

MATT WEIBRING: Yes, I am super excited playing here in my first Colonial, especially coming here so many years following my dad, watching him walk around this place as a kid. I came over here quite a bit and played with some friends of mine that are members and stuff. To A, be playing, is a great honor. And second of all, to be voted in by all of the past champions, fortunately I've gotten a chance to get to know and meet a lot of them through my dad, and a lot of them played with dad and stuff. But still to have them vote me in and represent them in this event is a huge honor. Definitely one of the highlights of my rookie year out here. Something I will always remember. I look forward to the week.

Hopefully I can play well. It's nice to have two weeks here at home. I made the cut last week and played all right, maybe we could do a little better this week.

MARK WILLIAMS: Your form has been great, Top-10 at Verizon.

MATT WEIBRING: Yes, I had surgery on my knee in the off season, so I was a little slow coming out. I basically didn't touch a club until the beginning of January after the Nationwide Tour championship. So I was rusty. The game started to come. I played well. I just definitely been going the right direction. I'm looking forward to the summer of actually being able to string some events together. This is the first time all year I played more than 2 in a row, which is nice, to get a little momentum going.

Q. You mentioned the Nationwide Tour championship, pretty close to where you live, I remember the last round was a little bit of tension at the end?

MATT WEIBRING: Yes, a little more stress than I wanted. I was thinking I was 19th coming into the week and clear by 30 grand, or something like that, and everyone was telling me congratulations. I felt pretty good about it. It just turned out with the purse being a million dollar purse, the Nationwide, which is the biggest one that we had. There is 3 of them this year. Last year was 2. A lot could happen, and I finished like the middle of the pack. I didn't play my best on Sunday, I shot a couple over I think. But I was definitely stressing out toward the last -- I definitely was uncertain about if I was going to make it. I ended up finishing 24th and making it, and it dropped a little bit which cost me some starts in the beginning of the year. But I'm doing good now. I get a chance to play all I want the rest of the year.

MARK WILLIAMS: Before you answer questions, what's the transition been like from the Nationwide Tour to here, what's the biggest difference?

MATT WEIBRING: The biggest difference I would say, the size of the event. There is more people, more media, more everything. Everything is bigger. You are playing for 10 times more money than the Nationwide Tour. But besides that, the Nationwide Tour prepares you unbelievably for this. I played out there six years. I was lucky to get to finals my first time at Q-School and played out there for six years. Dad always told me, I want you to be ready to handle this whole scene out here when you get here. Already have success, instead of some guys that get out here too soon, and aren't ready to deal with everything and struggle, and then lose their confidence.

I definitely worked my way up, and I finally made it and I feel pretty comfortable out here.

Obviously, it helps growing around this environment and knowing a lot of the veterans and the officials and just people that are involved with The TOUR. That definitely helps. I felt pretty good about how I feel playing golf. It's just another golf tournament. Once you get over that you are playing for \$6 million instead of \$600,000. I would say that's probably the biggest difference, guys will tell you is the money and the size of the events.

Q. I'm doing interactive marketing this week for the tournament, I'm doing Twitter, I have a couple of questions from followers. One of them wants to know what's the best feeling you have about your game right now coming into this week?

MATT WEIBRING: I feel that this golf course sets up well for me. It fits my eye. It's kind of similar like you mentioned Harbor Town, I stepped foot on that place, I loved it. I drive the ball pretty well. I have enough length, I'm probably a little longer than average, but I also drive it fairly straight when I am swinging well. This is the type of golf course -- I feel like I can play well on any golf course, I feel these are the kinds of golf courses that are going to even more suit my game, putting the ball in play, putting it in the middle of the green, thinking your way around the golf course. Hopefully we'll get a little wind this week. We had none last week, it was weird around here.

I feel like everything is pretty good right now. I feel if I can go out and stay patient and worry about the process, and not try too hard, I feel I can have a pretty good week and maybe be in there on Sunday.

Q. What are your expectations kind of this year coming out on the TOUR and playing in the events you are playing?

MATT WEIBRING: Well, the beginning the of year I thought the best goal I could have was to be Rookie-of-the-Year. I figure if I did that, then everything would be pretty good. But I'm trying, I work with my sports psychologist, Neal Smith, I'm trying to worry about more the process and not the result of things and that includes scores on holes, results on tournaments at the end of the year.

I have done a pretty good job. I've only played eight times, and I made almost 300 grand. It's not bad. I think I'm ahead of the curve for guys in my position.

I'm going to get a chance to play a bunch the last six months of the year.

So if I continue to play consistent and just keep working on stuff I'm working on, I think that hopefully I will get myself in contention a couple of times and have a chance to win.

Obviously, No. 1 as a rookie, you like to keep your card. I'm truly not trying to

focus. I'm trying to set my sites higher than that, making the TOUR

Championship, being Rookie-of-the-Year, if you think about that, you always end up around that. That's not the long term goal. The long term goal was to be out

here a long time and be real successful. If you worry about the other stuff, keeping your card will take care of itself.

Q. Matt, because of your family background you have been on the TOUR as a kid, you came out with your dad a lot, do you think your transition from the Nationwide Tour to the big TOUR was a little easier for you as opposed to other guys that don't have your background?

MATT WEIBRING: Absolutely, I haven't played all of these places but I've been to a lot of them as a kid, walked around them.

Having dad and dad's friends, like Peter Jacobsen is one of my dad's best friends, he is like an uncle to me, and guys like that who have given me advice on, A, how to play the golf course. B, where to stay, where to eat, how to get there, all that stuff is part of the transition of moving out here.

You play the Nationwide Tour for six years you get familiar where to go, where to stay, now all of a sudden you are going to new places, new courses. I think that is difficult for guys. Guys can handle playing the golf, but it's the transition. It's not as comfortable because you don't know where you are going, you don't know where to stay. You are playing against guys, some of these guys have been doing it 15, 20 years. They've played these golf courses 100 times apiece. We haven't played them at all. That's a lot of experience to play against.

But I definitely think it helped having dad play out here for 30 something years, or however how long it was, definitely helped me to ease into this a little better than some.

MARK WILLIAMS: You mentioned you played eight times this year. Two questions; how frustrating is it to not get starts early in the year and then how important is it to when you do get starts to get some sort of momentum?

MATT WEIBRING: Yes, it can be have frustrating and it adds more pressure on yourself when you finally get to play. I got to play good because I'm going to play here, and I will not play the next three weeks.

But for me fortunately, I guess, I've been in that situation before, like a couple of years ago I was conditional on Nationwide, I didn't get to play until like May and I qualified.

I just practiced and practiced and stayed patient and didn't worry about it. I couldn't control it. I had to be ready to play when I got in. When I finally got in, I played awesome. I ran off a bunch of Top-10's in a row. I took the same approach, I'm not going to get myself all worked up, because the more worked up you get about not playing, the more stress and the more pressure you give yourself. I'm going to get to play 22 to 25 events. I might have to play 7 in a row, but I'm going to get those events.

So I just stay patient and not worry about it, and enjoy being out here, and enjoy finally making it instead of getting upset about it's not fair I'm not getting to play. I'm better off.

There has been moment where I've been a little grouchy about it. But you are paying your dues. You got to keep working your way up. Next year after I have a good year, I will be able to play my schedule and play where I want to. Everybody has had to go through it at some point or another. It's a tough game. There is a lot of good players. Everyone wants to do it, otherwise it will be easy. You got to realize that and just keep working at it and hopefully everything will work out.

MARK WILLIAMS: We appreciate you coming in. All the best for the week. Hopefully you will enjoy it.

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