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Final-round interviews

AN INTERVIEW WITH BILLY MAYFAIR

THE MODERATOR: Welcome the runner up of the 2005 Bank of America Colonial, Billy Mayfair.

BILLY MAYFAIR: Are you sure Kenny committed to this week? Did Kenny Perry commit?

THE MODERATOR: There was not much of catching him today, was there? It was quite wonderful. He played wonderful. He played great for three days. He did exactly what he needed to do this morning, he went out and did exactly what he needed to do this morning. He birded 1 and 3, and just kept the ball short of the hole and in the fairways. Except for the little hiccup on 17, he did exactly what he needed to do. He played great. You know, it sounds corny to sound proud of him, but boy you know what to have that big of a lead, and still go out and play as good as he did today, my hat is off to him.

THE MODERATOR: Let's talk about you were playing for the race for second, and it's your best on tour since the runner up of the 2001 Worldcom Classic. We'll talk about that race.

BILLY MAYFAIR: Well this was a big weekend for me. I played good on Friday, and got myself back in contention again. And to go out and play real good yesterday, it was huge. And then, you know, I only shot 1-under today. I gave myself a lot of birdie chances, I couldn't get enough putts in the hole. I am proud of the way I played on the weekend. I have been struggling on the weekend all year.

THE MODERATOR: Okay. Questions? Out in the back?

Q Billy, with everything that you guys have had to play through this year, the heavy rain and now the heat, how much stress does that put on your game?

BILLY MAYFAIR: I tell you, it's funny, I remember warming up at Wachovia two weeks ago with a turtleneck on and rain suit and freezing to death and now two weeks later we are out here sweating. Pretty good it was awfully hot.

This may be the hottest I can remember. I don't know what the records are on tour, but the last three days have been really warm. I love the warm weather, and it's warmer than I like. It's hard on your body. I played the last three weeks and gone from cold to medium to hot. It's definitely hot. It's taken a toll. Not just on my body, but on my feet and everything. So I'm looking forward to next week being off.

Q. Have you ever played in a last group before where it was so much of a race for second place? Usually you think of the last group you spend the night before thinking of how you can win the tournament.

BILLY MAYFAIR: Well I don't watch the scoreboards. I knew I was right where I needed to be, in fact David Perry told me where I was going down 17. It's a little bit different. When I teed off this morning I was trying to win the golf tournament. I thought if I shot 6-under and Kenny hiccupped a little here and there, I had a chance. But when he got off to a good start we were all playing for second. I kept hanging in there, and all of that. We're all competitive. Obviously we all want to win. That is what we're out here to do. You know when you can't win, you are just as competitive to finish second as third. I think that answers your question. It's definitely different that's for sure. When you play in the last group you think you have a great chance of winning the golf tournament. And after nine holes today I didn't have really good chance to win the golf tournament. That was kind of unusual, but it tells you how great Kenny played.

Q What is your plans regarding the U.S. open coming up?

BILLY MAYFAIR: I don't know. I have to look. I am supposed to qualify for it. If this puts me up high enough I don't have to qualify.

BILLY MAYFAIR: Right now I'm planning to qualify the Monday after Memorial.

Q You had a really good week there last time, what do you remember about that?

BILLY MAYFAIR: I guess the thing I remember about Pinehurst is watching Payne win on 18. My wife, Tammy, and I walked up to the edge of the green to watch Payne make his putt. And to beat Phil, and Phil was going home to have a baby. And to watch Payne to make that putt, and the whole atmosphere. This atmosphere out here is great it's completely different. It's more electronic and more energy. And getting watching Payne to win, and watching what happened to Payne 18 months after that made it special. Not only for me, but for my wife.

Q (Inaudible)?

BILLY MAYFAIR: No. Because I never. I played well at U.S. Opens before, but I never got to be there in when the last group was coming down and for the last putt. It was an amazing thing and I will never forget it. And hopefully some day I will be in the same position. I love Pinehurst. I would love to play. I hope I get in. It's great golf course. You have to drive the ball straight, and hit accurate iron shots, and have a great short game around the greens. Hopefully. USGA will set it up like they did when we

were back there 8 years ago. I'm looking forward to seeing Pinehurst again. I love that place.

Q When you are playing with Kenny today he has talked about how comfortable he feels on this course. I'm wondering in your eyes did you notice he always puts the ball in the right place?

BILLY MAYFAIR: He really did. The thing I was most impressed with was on the 14 tee, he took that driver right up over the trees. I thought he hit it left over the trees. He knew it was perfect, and it ended up being 100 yards from the green. He knows the golf course really well. I think I know this golf course pretty well being here for 18 years, two years as an amateur. Kenny may know it a little better. I think it fits his game. He hits a high hook. He brings the ball in high, and it just sets up great for him. And, you know, he obviously had his putter working. He didn't putt as good today as the first three days, but he is rolling the rock awfully low.

Q If you could talk about the last two weeks, you had great rounds last week at the Byron Nelson, and this week. What have these two weeks of golf meant for you?

BILLY MAYFAIR: Well I was disappointed last week. I played great on Friday. I shot a 63 or 64 at Cottonwood and got myself right into position and then didn't play all that well on the weekend. And then coming here to Colonial, a golf course that I love, and getting myself back in position again, and then doing a good job on the weekend. And finishing second is a thrill to me. I mean obviously it helps my confidence. You know, like all I can say, it's fun being out here playing this game again compared to last year. Last year was a struggle for me and this year is a lot more fun. You look at these two weeks and it gives me confidence. But pretty much since LA of this year, I have been playing really well, and every week just kind of getting more and more confidence.

Q Help us to put it in perspective if you could going back from when you started playing.

How well did Kenny play compared to things that you have seen over the whole four days?

BILLY MAYFAIR: Well over the four days, when he won here before I think he won by six strokes. So, Kenny, he played great. This golf course sets up great for him. He hits it high and putts great. He feels comfortable here. You can tell that. You can tell that on the first hole.

He ripped it off the first tee and he knew, you know, he was just very comfortable here. I guess that is the best way to say it. Have I seen other guys play better rounds and all of that.

Yeah, I have seen guys shoot even pars at U.S. Opens that may be better, because of the hardness of the rough and the condition-wise and all that. It has to be up in the top five. He played great. He played wonderful.

Q You say you don't watch the scoreboard?

BILLY MAYFAIR: No.

Q Did you realize how much that last play was worth?

BILLY MAYFAIR: I did not know how much it was worth. I knew it was -- I was kicking myself for not hitting the wedge shot closer. I had 123 yards and my caddie and I decided to hit a sand wedge instead of a pitching wedge, and we came up short. It was the wrong club. I was kind of kicking myself for that. I hit a good first putt and the second putt, like I said, I don't watch the board, but little things can tell you. And Kenny says, to me do you want me to finish or do you want to finish? At that point in time I knew this was a big putt. How big it was, I wasn't sure I knew it was big putt if Kenny was going to go ahead and finish and let me have the last putt of the tournament, I said absolutely not. I will make this and let, me got out of there and give you center stage and all. I have always been that way. I don't like watching scoreboards because I don't want to change my strategy out there.

(Inaudible).

BILLY MAYFAIR: It was about 4 feet that turned into 40 feet. I was breathing hard when I got over it that is for sure.

Q Billy let's go to your birdies and bogeys.

(Scorecard)

THE MODERATOR: Thank you very much, Billy.

BILLY MAYFAIR: Thank you, guys.

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