

Crowne Plaza Invitational at Colonial
Colonial Country Club
Ft. Worth, Tx

May 24, 2007

First-round Interviews

AN INTERVIEW WITH JEFF MAGGERT

THE MODERATOR: We welcome Texas native, Jeff Maggert in the interview room here at the Crowne Plaza Invitational at Colonial. Jeff, a great round 64 today. Talk about what it means to come back to the home state.

JEFF MAGGERT: Well, I just, you know, this is one of my favorite courses. I enjoyed playing here every year. Nice to be coming in here this year playing a little better than I have been. Today was just a good round for me. I got out early this morning. The wind wasn't blowing too bad. I just managed my game well, put the ball close to the hole and made some putts when I needed to.

Q. Talk about where you were during this delay. Did that effect much? How receptive were the greens today, the conditions?

JEFF MAGGERT: The greens were soft with the delay. I just finished a third hole. A pretty tough threat to the golf course. I went in, had a little lunch and had a slice of carat cake that was about four inches thick. And as soon as I finished it, they said you got to be on the course in 45 minutes. I said, I needed a nap after that.

So I just hit a few balls and got warmed up. You know, starting on the fourth hole, I knew 4 and 5 were going to play tough. I just hit a good iron shot to fourth hole and hit it in there 12 feet and made birdie. Made par on 5. I had some easy holes to finish with. Got a birdie on 9 there.

Q. Someone who has come here a lot I wonder how differently the course is playing this year with the rough?

JEFF MAGGERT: I think year in and year out this course is pretty consistent. The rough is a little thicker and longer this year. It looks like maybe they had some rain this spring. The golf course is maybe a little bit greener than normal. The putting surfaces are excellent. If you are hitting it in there 10 or 15 feet, there is no excuse not to make a few of those. That was kind of the case for me. I hit it in there close most of the day and made some putts.

Q. Jeff, obviously being from Houston this isn't necessarily a hometown or anything, but it must be great to come back to the state, and I'm sure a lot of the fans out here know that you are a native Texan, do you feel it out there sometimes?

JEFF MAGGERT: Oh, definitely, I always have a few friends come up from Houston. Going to school at Texas A & M, there is a lot of Aggies around. They are always pulling for me, even though I don't know them, they are always out there hooping it up. But it's good. I enjoy, like I said, this is probably been one of my favorite tournaments over the years on the TOUR. The members here at the club have been very friendly.

My first year on TOUR I was a champion's pick, I had dinner with Mr. Hogan and Mr. Nelson my rookie year. What better can that be than with those two guys your first time TOUR? So a lot of good memories here. I played well here. I haven't won. I had a few chances. But you know, I'm playing pretty well now and we'll see what happens this year.

Q. As you mentioned your results have turned, is there a key to that?

JEFF MAGGERT: Just been up-and-down. I've been out here 18 years now. I got a family, 5 kids, they keep me busy. When I am at home, certainly not playing and practicing like I used to. It's kind of tougher to kind of keep your game at a high level. You know, the quality of players out here is certainly a lot better than it was when I started. You know, it's tough to kind of get that kind of competitive edge to compete week in and week out.

But I played a lot of tournaments over the last four or five weeks and I feel like my game is in pretty good shape. I'm looking forward to the summer. My family is going to be out a little bit this summer. I'm going to play a pretty full schedule and hopefully have a shot at winning a tournament or two.

THE MODERATOR: Thanks for coming in, great round.

JEFF MAGGERT: Thank you.

- - - - -