

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW: BILLY MAYFAIR (-10)
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DAVE SENKO: Well, Billy, 7 under today and 10 under for the tournament. Maybe just get us started, talk about your day. Fast start, looks like five birdies in your first seven holes.

BILLY MAYFAIR: Yeah, got off to a really good start today, really hit it good and had some confidence. Unfortunately, my only real bad shot on the front side was I drove it in the bunker on 8 and I wasn't able to go for the green and made par there on the par 5 eighth. But other than that I hit really good off the tee and made some putts, and like I said, got off to a fast start. So you get the momentum going and hit some good shots on the back, and we talked about the shot on 14 just off the edge of the green in the deep bunker. First of all, you're trying to get it out of the bunker and then try to get it somewhere on the green. Fortunately the ball rolled up about six feet from the hole and made birdie there. Then I made a great birdie on the last hole, hit it in the short bunker and blasted out about maybe six feet above the hole and made a slippery putt down the hill. So good way to end the day. Good way to start the day and good way to end the day, so get rest tonight and look forward to tomorrow.

DAVE SENKO: Want to go through those first four, how long the putts were?

BILLY MAYFAIR: I hit 4-iron in on 1 from about 220 yards, probably about 20 feet from the hole and two-putted from there. On 2 is a wedge from about 130 yards. Hit it in there about eight feet below the hole, made that. No. 3 I hit a real good 7-iron in off from about 170 yards to about 15 feet below the hole and made that. Then 4 I hit a real good drive there, only had about 115 yards to the hole there and hit it just left of the hole and it kind of slid right down the hill about three feet from the hole and made birdie there.

DAVE SENKO: What did you hit second shot?

BILLY MAYFAIR: Hit my gap wedge.

Q. And then the seventh, the par 4, No. 7.

BILLY MAYFAIR: No. 7 I had about 90 yards. I hit a sand wedge, my 58-degree wedge, my L wedge, my 58 and hit it about a foot.

DAVE SENKO: Bogey at 12.

BILLY MAYFAIR: Bogey at 12, yeah. I drove it down the right-hand side. I knew you had to play it out to the right and let the ball feed down the hole and I just caught the front bunker shot. Hit a good bunker shot and just about a four-footer there for par. Then came right back and hit a 6-iron from about 210 yards on 14 -- I mean 13 down the hill, made about a 20-footer there for birdie.

Then 14 I had a little different strategy there. I laid up all three days last year and this year I went for it, and so far I played it 2 under. Hit it in the right bunker and hit a real good bunker shot in there and rolled it up there about 10 feet and made that for birdie.

DAVE SENKO: Questions?

Q. Might be three or four behind, there's nobody in front of you except for one player. That's a lot better than having a bunch of guys in front of you?

BILLY MAYFAIR: Absolutely. I knew the birdie on 18 was a big thing and hopefully it gets me in the last group tomorrow. This is my one-year anniversary. One year ago here I played the U.S. Senior Open the week before here and this was my first PGA TOUR Champions event, so it's been a whole year to come around and it's a great place and a great golf course and I enjoy it.

Q. Do you feel for comfortable the second time around?

BILLY MAYFAIR: Sure you do, absolutely. I had my own yardage book, I had my notes from last year. I wasn't a rookie anymore. I told some of the guys, I'm not a rookie. They said, we'll tell you when you're not had a rookie anymore. But it was nice to get back, familiar, and like I said, you just learn little things about the golf course each time you play it. Now I've got five tournament rounds under my belt so hopefully the sixth will be a real good one, too.

DAVE SENKO: I think if I'm correct, seven one-putts on the back nine today, I think you just had 11 putts according to the ShotLink computer.

BILLY MAYFAIR: I hit it really good. I hit it close at times and then I missed some greens, too. I missed the green on 15, I missed the green on 16 and got it up and down. So when I seemed to miss greens, I hit it close enough to get it up and down, so when you're making birdies and getting it up and down when you're missing greens, you can have a -- the putter saved me a lot today, no doubt about that.

DAVE SENKO: Thanks, Billy.

BILLY MAYFAIR: Thank you, guys.