

**ROUND 1 INTERVIEW**  
**August 13, 2021**

**MIKE WEIR (-7)**



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**Q. Mike, great round today. Can you talk a little bit about it?**

**MIKE WEIR:** It took me a little bit to find my rhythm. I was a little bit up and down. Nice birdie on the first and bogeyed the second and kind of scrambled on the fourth, and then I kind of settled in, made a nice putt on 5 and started hitting some good shots after that. Caught fire in the middle of the round with a birdie and an eagle on 10, 11, then just kind of stalled a little bit. Had a couple good looks at it and didn't make them. All in all, it was a really good day.

**Q. What was it like playing in front of the hometown crowd today?**

**MIKE WEIR:** Oh, it was great, it was a lot of fun. I definitely felt some good energy from them, which was really cool, fed off that. Haven't been able to do that in a long time, so that feels really good.

**Q. (No microphone.)**

**MIKE WEIR:** Yeah, it is. Like I was saying the other day when I was talking to you guys Tuesday, when you play three rounds, you have to get off to a fast start. I've done an okay job of that so far on my Champions Tour career, but not good enough. You really have to get off to some good starts and today was one of those days that was exceptional. I would have taken 3 or 4 under, so 7's definitely a bonus.

**Q. Can you take us through what happened on the eagle hole, No. 11?**

**MIKE WEIR:** Yeah. No. 11 I hit a really good drive and only left myself a 9-iron. Hit a beautiful 9-iron just right of the hole 15 feet maybe and made that putt. Yeah, that one felt good.

**Q. And then can you just sort of -- you didn't make any mistakes the rest of the way, but did you have any missed opportunities?**

**MIKE WEIR:** Yeah, I had a couple of good looks. After I eagled, the next hole's very difficult with the right pin with a right-to-left wind was hard to get to. The next hole I had a very good look from, oh, I don't know, 12 feet or something and burned right over the edge. Then the next hole, pretty good look again from 20 feet. They were kind of like 20 feet, 17 was maybe 15 feet and 18 was maybe about the same, 15 feet. So not great looks, they were kind of difficult putts actually, so you're just kind of coasting them down there and hopefully they kind of trickle in from where I was. All in all, I putted well, I really putted well today. I haven't

been able to say that a whole ton this year, so that was nice.

**Q. I know you're a rookie here, but crowds aren't as big as they used to be, but you say you're still feeling the love.**

**MIKE WEIR:** I'm sorry, I can't --

**Q. I said I know you're a rookie here, but you say you're still feeling the love of the fans even though this is about half as much as --**

**MIKE WEIR:** Yeah, they're still here and they're ready to watch some golf and cheer some good shots. I was ready to make a few putts for them and hopefully I can kind of keep some momentum so Sunday maybe it will be even louder hopefully.

**Q. Did it charge you out of the gate when Billy Novell did his thing on the tee box?**

**MIKE WEIR:** Yeah, I wasn't expecting that. Definitely, that got the adrenaline going a little bit.

**Q. There were a group of about four or five kids who were behind the green at 4 who were at your clinic and they talked about how they've been golfing every day since then and they wanted to come see you play, and blistering analysis, they said that third shot was sick. How do you feel knowing you might have gotten this next group of kids who are six to 10 years old into golf?**

**MIKE WEIR:** Yeah, that's great. That was a fun clinic the other day with them. So yeah, for them to come out, I didn't recognize the faces, that it was them, but I saw a bunch of kids out today so that was really cool. Yeah, if they're motivated to get out there because of me, that feels pretty good.