



ROUND 2 INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPT: MICHAEL ALLEN
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Q. Michael, just sort of talk about the day, lots of low scores.

MICHAEL ALLEN: Yeah, there was a lot of low scores?

Q. Well, Fred shot 64 and Jay's 5-under right now.

MICHAEL ALLEN: Yeah. I thought I was -- the greens were maybe just a little bit more receptive. They were so bouncy yesterday. Other than that, it was kind of a hard day with the wind blowing. It's just such a hard walk out here, too. My God, it's a war of attrition out here I think in the end. But overall it was a fun day. I played well and kind of hung in there. Didn't do anything great but drove the ball a little better, so I had chances to get after pins today. Yesterday I was kind of in the rough all the time, so it's a very hard course from there.

Q. As a fellow competitor, can you put in perspective Jay, he hasn't been over par, he's been under par or even every round he's played on this tour since May 24th.

MICHAEL ALLEN: Really? Wow.

Q. Six months. Can you put that as a player into perspective?

MICHAEL ALLEN: Well, you watch him, that's what he is. He's a true professional. I mean, he's a consistent true professional. He just takes the game one shot at a time. I don't know how to put down in historical terms or whatever, but that's kind of him. He's Mr. Consistent, and now that he knows it, going out and doing it every day has got to be a little in his thoughts and make it even harder. That's kind of Jay Haas, that's been his career. He's a consistent solid professional, always has been. Good professional golfer? Jay Haas would come to mind.

Q. Let me ask you about your short putter. Not short, conventional. When did you make the switch? I saw you on TV, all of a sudden you had a shorter putter.

MICHAEL ALLEN: Just last week, I was putting so bad at Rock Barn. I was playing beautifully but putting just terrible. I just needed to clear my head, you know. Just got to stop thinking about the stroke. That's kind of the beauty of long putting, you don't think about it too much. No one's there to teach you, oh, you're doing this or that. It's simple. But I practiced so much, I just paralyzed myself. You know, this just kind of

cleared my head, I hit my lines.

Q. How long has it been? As long as I can remember you've had the long one.

MICHAEL ALLEN: Yeah, I've used it periodically. August of 2009 I used it a bit and finished like fifth at Torrey Pines. I used belly, I've used everything. Usually every year I'll use the short putter for a few weeks. Usually it's kind of early, I start thinking about it, then I go to the long putter. It's always that kind of thing, once I start thinking about my putting, I've got to do something else.

Q. You've played really well with it.

MICHAEL ALLEN: I'm putting beautifully right now. Hopefully keep it up, doing what I'm doing. It's been great so far.

Q. Do you feel at 5-under you're set up well for the final -- I guess two years ago someone came back from 5-under after Friday and won.

MICHAEL ALLEN: You know, I think with what the scores are -- I don't know where they're at. What I saw they were 7-under, but I don't know where they are. If I'm within about three or four right now, I think that's a great position going into this weekend. Anything can happen. It's not an easy course as firm as it is, there's a lot of stuff that can happen out there. Yeah, if I'm two back, four back, I feel great.

Q. I guess you and Kirk are both local guys, right?

MICHAEL ALLEN: Yeah, we are, we both went to UNR, we both went to the same college and played.