

BILLY MAYFAIR (- 5)

Q. So you had it going all day until 18?

BILLY MAYFAIR: Yeah, until 18. I let one kind of get away from me there on 18. Just I chose a good line and just hooked it a little bit too much. The fairways are firm and rolling, and unfortunately I'm probably the only guy today who hits it in the water on 18. But overall it was my best round I've had the first round in probably a year and a half, and I got myself in good position and really looking forward to the weekend.

Q. You can hit a good drive on 18 and it still ends up in the water?

BILLY MAYFAIR: Yeah, I think the line had changed since Tuesday since my practice round, things got a bit firmer out there today and I was a little more nervous probably and just hooked it a bit. If the ball catches the center of that fairway and gets on that hill, it's going to roll in the water no matter what club you grab from the bag. If I had hit 4-wood instead of 3-wood, I still would have gone in the water. Tomorrow I'll know and choose a little bit different line, hopefully hit a better shot.

Q. How did you feel about the course?

BILLY MAYFAIR: The course is in great shape. For all the play it's gotten, all the tournaments they've had here, the greens were wonderful. The fairways were fast and it was playing maybe a little bit shorter than it did last year, but you still have to hit the ball in the right spots here on the greens and the greens are hard to read and hopefully make some putts.

Q. You've been playing well coming into this. What have you sort of liked about your game lately?

BILLY MAYFAIR: I think I had a good offseason. I worked on some things after last year and knew some things I needed to improve on. But I played real good the last day at the Chubb tournament. I don't know all the sponsors yet, I haven't learned all the sponsors. They change a little bit quicker out here than on the big tour. But I had a good last day there and had a good week at home. I'm driving the ball well, and my caddie and I are starting to read a lot of putts a lot better and get used to one another. If you make some putts, you're going to play good.

Q. Do you have a new caddie?

BILLY MAYFAIR: No, same guy. We're just kind of looking at greens a little bit different

and just taking a different approach.

Q. Was there anything specific that you really focused on in the offseason?

BILLY MAYFAIR: Well, I needed to get better with my wedge game. I had a lot of par 5s I go for in two and missed the green just maybe short and had to just chip a little bit around the greens to make more birdies on the par 5s.

Q. And you did that today?

BILLY MAYFAIR: I did that today, yeah. And I did that last week, too, or two weeks ago.

Q. A Sun Devil down here in Wildcat country. Galleries pretty nice to you out there?

BILLY MAYFAIR: Galleries were pretty nice to me, but I think they have to be now, my son's coming down here next year, to U of A, so I'll be down here a lot.

Q. Is he going to play?

BILLY MAYFAIR: No, no, He's not that interested in playing. He loves to play golf, he's a good golfer, but not good enough to play division.

Q. What's his name?

BILLY MAYFAIR: Max.

Q. And was that a difficult decision in the family at all for him to come down here?

BILLY MAYFAIR: We looked -- my wife and I both went to ASU and all that stuff, but U of A offered some things there on campus that we just couldn't pass up. He got a scholarship and in-state tuition was good, too. But I think it's a perfect fit for my son.

Q. Is there something he's studying down here?

BILLY MAYFAIR: He hasn't decided yet. At least he hasn't told me yet.

Q. Is he good enough to stay with you on the course?

BILLY MAYFAIR: Oh, he thinks he can. We have fun at home and all that good stuff. He thinks he can stay with me but dad can still beat him.

Q. So last year you shot 67 the first day here and fell off a little bit. What are you going to need to do to kind of sustain the success?

BILLY MAYFAIR: Well, I think I'm playing a lot better than I was last year here. Like I said,

my caddie and I are on the same pages. We're reading the greens a lot better and I feel like I'm hitting it better. So I just need to go out tomorrow and stay patient and keep shooting good scores every day.

Q. So yesterday, according to Stewart, was the 20th anniversary of your playoff --

BILLY MAYFAIR: With Tiger.

Q. The only person who ever beat Tiger in a playoff on the PGA TOUR. How often does that come up with people, what do you remember?

BILLY MAYFAIR: Well, I know it's a Trivial Pursuit question, which is kind of fun. Like I said, I always want to be known as a good dad and a good husband, but if I'm known out here on the Tour for the only guy to ever beat Tiger Woods in a playoff, I can live with that. It was a big thrill. As I said, too, Tiger's always been a professional with me. We've kidded each other in the locker room, not so much in public. But he's a true professional. He handled it beautifully, like I have, and we still give each other -- we rib each other every once in a while. But he's very professional.

Q. Are you kind of like everyone else, rooting for Tiger to be healthy and playing well?

BILLY MAYFAIR: Oh, absolutely. Well, Tiger wants to play golf, we all want to play golf, and there's nothing worse in the world than to play golf when you're hurt and you can't practice the way you want to practice or work out the way you can. When you can't do that, it just drives you nuts. I expect him to play well this year. I don't know if he'll win, I don't know if he'll play at Augusta, but if he can play all year healthy, I think that's a huge, huge accomplishment.