

BILLY MAYFAIR (-5)

Q. Billy, 5 under here in your hometown heading into Sunday. Just your thoughts on the round.

BILLY MAYFAIR: Well, it was an unusual day here for Arizona, the wind blowing and all that stuff, especially down here in the city and all that, but we just had to stay patient. But I love this golf course, I love playing here in the valley, I love playing in front of my hometown. We hit it really good today even with the wind, all the wind and all that, so I'm looking forward to tomorrow.

Q. Was it nice to finish with that birdie on 18?

BILLY MAYFAIR: Absolutely, yeah. Kind of struggled. I made a good par on 17 and birdied 18 and feel like I picked a couple up there to give myself a good chance for tomorrow.

Q. So you were a standard bearer here in high school, correct?

BILLY MAYFAIR: Yep, in grade school and high school.

Q. What was that, mid '80s?

BILLY MAYFAIR: Well, I wouldn't go that far. I got out of high school in '84, college in '88. Squaw Peak, my great elementary school, is about three miles down the street and every day after school we'd come right down here and I'd be out here watching guys hit balls until dark. I can remember watching Jack Nicklaus and Gary Player and all those guys out here practicing, hitting balls, so it's kind of neat to be back here on the same turf.

Q. You have some work to do to win tomorrow, but that would make it extra special, I assume?

BILLY MAYFAIR: Oh, yeah, absolutely. But you know what, go out tomorrow, play the best we can and see what happens. It's a thrill to be back here at Phoenix Country Club and thrill to be back in the valley.

Q. Do you have any other -- I know you talked about Jack, but any other sort of memories of where you were or who you were a standard bearer for or anything like that?

BILLY MAYFAIR: Well, I carried the sign for Jerry Pate a lot. He had the orange golf ball, I loved playing the old ProStaff orange ball and all that stuff. I just was amazed how

good -- how well they struck the ball and how great ball-strikers they were. Now to be out here doing it with them for so many years, it's been a dream come true.