

**ROUND 4 INTERVIEW**  
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**MITO PEREIRA ( -21, won first playoff hole)**

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**Q. Mito, congratulations. Walk us through the victory, the last couple holes there.**

**MITO PEREIRA:** It was a great day. Andrew and Stephan were great playing partners. I played really solid coming back last nine holes. I missed two putts from nine feet on 16 and 17. I don't know, man, it's been great this last couple months, I've been playing really good golf. Just want to keep going and get ready for next year.

**Q. And to lock up your Tour card in this fashion, what does it mean to you to not only get a win here, but to know that you're going to go to the PGA TOUR next year?**

**MITO PEREIRA:** That's the main thing, you know. When this COVID thing started, obviously I got a little screwed because I was the leader. It's kind of tough to go back again and do it again because I played really well in Colombia. I already had the points for the PGA TOUR. So doing that again, it's hard to think it, but I just fought through it, and I'm really happy where my game is and very happy obviously where I'm heading to.

**Q. What would you say was a big turning point in the middle of the round today? It was back and forth between you and Stephan?**

**MITO PEREIRA:** Yeah, I didn't hit a good drive on 15, the par 5, and I ended up just in the rough. Then I hit 5-iron, lay-up, then I hit a really good shot from 120, almost made it. That birdie was huge because he made it, too.

I mean, from Thursday to Sunday you've got to do some things that only the winner do, so you've got to take advantage of opportunities, and I've done it right this week, so I'm very happy with it.

**Q. And did you think Stephan was going to make that par putt?**

**MITO PEREIRA:** One hundred people doesn't make up-and-down from back there, so I was telling him, like how did you do that? He say, I don't know, man. Just don't make par from there, I was just hoping to hit a good putt. It's never easy to win, so it was good to have that, and then just lucky with the first hole of the playoff.

**Q. I mean, the drive, it rolled pretty close down there. Were you kind of nervous when you hit that walking up?**

**MITO PEREIRA:** No, no, I know it was a good line. It just rolled down Over there, doesn't get to the rough where my ball landed so it was perfect.

**Q. And what was the yardage of the shot? Is that a good range for you?**

**MITO PEREIRA:** Actually, I think I had 110. I normally hit my 60 like 105, but with this adrenaline, obviously it was the perfect club. I just wanted to hit a low one so it doesn't spin back, and it ended up being perfect.

**Q. Going forward now that you're going to be No. 2 in the point standings and your future is definitely ahead of you, so what are you looking to do the rest of the season now that you're pretty much set?**

**MITO PEREIRA:** I just want to do the same that I was expecting to. I'm probably going to Olympics so I'm going to take one week off. Just keep with the same schedule, try to do the best I can and keep moving.

**Q. And there's only been two other players from Chile that have made the PGA TOUR, Joaquin and Camilo. What does it mean to you to be able to represent Chile on the PGA TOUR?**

**MITO PEREIRA:** It's a dream, man. Chile's a small country. Joaquin is playing really good, he's making great things for golf in Chile, too. To have two Chileans on the PGA TOUR, the biggest tour, it's something that maybe 10 years ago nobody thought about it. So right now it's real, and I want to thank all the guys in Chile, too, that have been really supportive to me. I'm really happy with it.

**Q. Thursday you came out, low round. With all the rain and the delay, how did you work through that in terms of staying close to the top throughout the rest of the weekend?**

**MITO PEREIRA:** Yeah. It wasn't easy because I played 16 holes on Thursday, then I came back on Friday and I played one and a half holes, have to wait the whole day for my 8:00 p.m. tee time, play one and a half holes. So it was kind of a weird day for me because almost feels like I didn't know what day I was playing, you know? But just I think I've worked hard enough to just keep things clear and do the best I can and just I've been -- I'll keep working.

**Q. And this course, having played it, does it play to your game? Obviously you won the tournament, but does it play to your game or did you have to make some adjustments in how you play it normally?**

**MITO PEREIRA:** I played really good from the tee, so my driver was really good. If you can drive well on this course, you're pretty much in a good position every hole. So that was the big point for me. And obviously I played solid all around. It's a great course and it was in perfect shape, too.

**Q. What's it like to play one and a half holes, kind of wait around? Talk through that Friday experience.**

**MITO PEREIRA:** Yeah, it's weird because I went to the hotel for I don't know how many hours, but it's weird to be waiting for just playing one and a half hole, come back, do the warm-up again. But it is what it is. I think every player this week had kind of the same thing, so I just did it well and I'm happy how I did it.

**Q. How much I guess has changed since your last win? It was the pandemic, going back home, such a journey.**

**MITO PEREIRA:** Yeah, it feels like a long time from Colombia now. I think I managed it really well today. I have more experience than in Colombia. I think losing the playoff in Huntsville gave me a lot of experience, too. Everything helps and I hope I keep the momentum going.

**Q. In a general sense you've been on a long road, had a dirt bike accident, kind of set you back a little bit. Now you're going to the PGA TOUR. In the context of what you've been through, what's it mean to you?**

**MITO PEREIRA:** It's a dream, like I said. I've had tough times. 2018 I played really bad on this tour, lost my card, I got injured. You know, everybody has tough times, but I think the way you solve that, it's how you are and that's the most important part and that's why I think I'm here and I'm heading to the PGA TOUR.