

## HomeTown Lenders Championship

### ROUND 1 INTERVIEW

April 28, 2023

### MIKE SWEENEY (-1)



**Q. Mike, obviously a very busy week for you. How nice is it to finally get out and play, do what you came here to do?**

**MIKE SWEENEY:** Yeah, it was fun. I mean, it still was a little hectic out there it felt like, the round was a little up and down, but nice to get in with a decent round under par to start my Korn Ferry career, so happy.

**Q. Birdied the first hole and then hole-in-one eagle fourth hole?**

**MIKE SWEENEY:** Yeah, yeah.

**Q. What was going through your mind that early in the round?**

**MIKE SWEENEY:** Well, I was a little salty because I just missed a six-footer for birdie on the hole before, so I was really trying to hit good golf shots, try and make up for it.

Then as to how it went in or why it went in, I don't know the answer, but it did, so a little slam-dunk 4-iron never hurt anybody. After that, I just tried to focus on the next golf shot and try to keep the mind from racing as much as possible.

**Q. How many hole-in-ones have you had in your life, and any in competition?**

**MIKE SWEENEY:** No, that was my third. None in any tournaments, that's my first one in a tournament, so nice place to start.

**Q. Did you feel or notice people pulling for you following your group specifically?**

**MIKE SWEENEY:** Yeah, absolutely, yeah. A lot of guys just saying let's go Sweeney, let's go Mike. People that I don't think I know but maybe I do, I don't know.

**Q. What does it mean to have that support from people and people just kind of following along with your journey and here at the tournament?**

**MIKE SWEENEY:** Yeah, it's awesome. You can't really ask for more. My boy Vincent back here, he's the only person that was able to actually fly in and come watch outside of my friends and family, so it's nice to feel I've got other people out there.



**Q. What does it mean that you got this first round under your belt finally?**

**MIKE SWEENEY:** It feels great. It feels even better that I didn't blow it up.

**Q. And just with all the waiting and the anticipation and getting those fog delays, like what did you do to keep yourself sane and not like wanting to just run out on the course?**

**MIKE SWEENEY:** Just eight a bunch of Uncrustables upstairs. That's literally it. Just eat, relax, watched the Celtics win last night, that's about it.

**Q. Round one in the books, what's kind of the mentality moving forward? What's the goals that you set for yourself?**

**MIKE SWEENEY:** Get tomorrow's first tee shot in the fairway, go from there, that's about it.

**Q. Long wait to get to the first round to start.**

**MIKE SWEENEY:** Yeah.

**Q. What were you kind of doing to kill time and did that kind of increase nerves for you?**

**MIKE SWEENEY:** Not really, I knew I was going to be nervous either way regardless of whether we teed off yesterday or today, whenever it's going to be. Not really much killing time, just talking to people on the phone, talking to my dad, keeping up with everybody, that's about it.

**Q. And then support from players as well, have you noticed just guys -- like there's a lot of incredible stories out here and I think guys really do tend to band together, but have you met anyone or, you know, in terms of camaraderie on the KFT?**

**MIKE SWEENEY:** Yeah, a lot of guys have just like gave me a fist bum, said, dude, congrats, good job, like we're pulling for you out here. Players and caddies, everybody basically.

**Q. Do you think the Uncrustables helped your play today?**

**MIKE SWEENEY:** I ate one before the front nine, I think I made a birdie like two holes later, so yeah.

**Q. Continue the Uncrustables this weekend.**

**MIKE SWEENEY:** Yeah, maybe like an Uncrustables logo on the side of the hat here, sounds good to me.

