

FINAL ROUND INTERVIEW: GRAEME McDOWELL
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Q. Well, a very festive atmosphere here now at the OHL Classic at Mayakoba. Graeme, take me through that playoff.

GRAEME McDOWELL: Yeah, that was a nice way to end it. I don't see 18 as driver for me, I just haven't driven it well enough this week, and it rained in the narrow part of the fairway. The 3-wood maybe looks a little defensive on TV but that's the only play I have down there. Had a great number. As good a 5-iron as I could hit. It's the type of shot I've been working hard on the last three or four months, trying to take the club through and it came off as good as I could have imagined and obviously nearly went in. So special way to end things. It's been a grind of a year. This really gives me something to springboard from and some big positives to take away and takes me a couple steps back to where I want to be. I want to be back winning tournaments and I want to win a couple more major championships. So this is fun, this is what I needed.

Q. You said to your caddie (inaudible). Could you tell right off the face it was going to be a good one?

GRAEME McDOWELL: Yeah, it's as good a swing as I could make. Like I say, I've been working really hard on that particular shot, trying to complete my backswing, trying to stay smooth with it. I've got to be honest, I wanted to hit 6-iron, I was feeling a bit jacked up and I just kind of wanted to go after one. My caddie was thinking a little straighter than me and it was a 5-iron yardage, it's 215 yards and the wind was sort of coming from the right. So it was nice to finish in a little style. Like I say, it's been a rough one this year but that's the great thing about the game of golf, you've just got to stay patient.

Q. 2015, you're coming into this week looking ahead to 2016. This was more or less a fresh start. How big is this for you going forward?

GRAEME McDOWELL: This is massive, massive for my whole team and just for my state of mind really. I've had one of those years where I've been asking questions like am I good enough, am I finished. When you're out there for five and a half hours not playing well you do think about a lot of stuff. This really, it's been the result of a lot of hard work the last few months. I've put myself in position a few weekends and kind of imploded. I had to sort of mess a few up to kind of learn how to get here again and learn how to finish the job. Nice way to finish there, that was really nice. I'll certainly savor this victory. I said to myself I was dreaming of this day coming again and I said to myself I was going to appreciate it when it did come and I might have a beer.