

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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MARK O'MEARA (-9)

Q. It's kind of a six Gatorade day out there today, isn't it, Mark?

MARK O'MEARA: It was a little toasty out there yesterday, too. You know, we don't expect this kind of fall, mid-September up here in Grand Blanc, but it's obviously very exciting to come back. We're thrilled that Ally stepped up to the plate to bring golf back to the Grand Blanc-Flint area, come back to Warwick Hills where we played so many times on the PGA TOUR. It's brought back a lot of fond memories. The support from the community's been tremendous, so obviously very pleased to have a good score today.

Q. How did the galleries treat you so far the first two days?

MARK O'MEARA: Yeah, they're great. Everybody says thanks for coming back. What's nice is the fact that a lot of the guys that are playing here on the PGA TOUR Champions are guys that made their career on the PGA TOUR and people kind of remember the guys of our kind of generation, our age. So their support has been tremendous and certainly we appreciate them all coming out and following us.

Q. Mark, the atmosphere, when you've played for big galleries and played for big majors and won majors and so forth and then you end up with a day like this, relatively --

MARK O'MEARA: No, no, it feels good. Like I didn't drive the ball that great yesterday, but I drove the ball really well today, got off to a great start. Started on 10 and I birdied the first five holes on the back nine. I just made one lone bogey out there today. I was never really in a lot of trouble. So anytime you shoot 64 -- I've been hitting the ball decent the past couple months, but I just haven't made any putts. The last two days I've rolled the ball better. So hopefully tomorrow I can go out there and play well. But these guys are all good, somebody's going to go low tomorrow. It's going to take another really good score on my part to have a chance to win.

Q. What was the difference between yesterday and today?

MARK O'MEARA: I think the biggest difference was getting off to a good start and then certainly driving the ball better. I had a lot of opportunities from the fairway, hit some good approach shots into the green, made a couple key par saves. The one on No. 8, which was my second hole from about eight feet, seven feet. Other than that, I didn't make a lot of long putts, but I just made a lot of putts you're supposed to make.

Q. How does this compare to how you've been playing?

MARK O'MEARA: Yeah, I haven't shot 64 in a while, for sure. But I spent all last week, I was up in the river in British Columbia for five days steelhead fishing for eight hours in the water wading, swinging flies for steelhead, so that was my preparation. Sometimes whenever fall comes around, I go on my fishing trips, so I've already planned my next one, where I'm going to be standing there in a river. So, you know, at this stage of my life, 61 years old, I've been competing around the world for 38 years, (inaudible.)