

**ROUND 1 INTERVIEW**  
**May 6, 2021**

**KEITH MITCHELL (-4)**



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**Q. Good playing. What was working so well for you today and what did you sort of figure out from Sunday at Valspar?**

**KEITH MITCHELL:** I figured out my putter was bent on Sunday. When I got here, it was a couple degrees upright and a couple degrees too much loft. I knew I was putting well and I was just hitting putts short and left. On the putting green it felt wrong. I took it to the truck and bent it back and that's all it was.

**Q. How does that happen?**

**KEITH MITCHELL:** Just leaning on it a lot, probably got pissed a couple times on Saturday, and over time those putters get off. Whether it was out of frustration or, you know, a plane ride or whatever. I guess it happened on Saturday. In the car, anything. I knew my setup felt terrible on Sunday and couldn't figure out why, so I asked my putting coach and he said your putter's sitting way off the ground. Went and got it checked and fixed it.

**Q. Does that make you feel better knowing it was not really you?**

**KEITH MITCHELL:** Yeah, definitely made me feel better it wasn't me, but doesn't make me feel good if I had caused it out of something I could have controlled. That would have been a nice Sunday at Valspar. There wasn't anything that really stood out in my mind that I did it, but you never know.