

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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BILLY MAYFAIR (-6)



Q. Can you talk about your round today?

BILLY MAYFAIR: Well, I was real happy with it. I hit the ball very well today. I hit it in the right spots, I made some putts. Birdieing 8, 9 and 10 kind of got me jump started, got off to a good start, but when you make some birdies in the middle of the round, it kind of keeps you going and all that.

Had a nice birdie on 16 -- I mean 15, the par. 5. Then got a little aggressive on 15 and made bogey there, missed a short putt there. I hit it real close on 17 and missed that one, but made a nice birdie on 18. I'm thrilled with the day.

Q. You were third here a few years back. Do you have good memories of this place?

BILLY MAYFAIR: Absolutely, I do. The head pro here and I were good friends. He's not here any longer, but he's helped me here a little bit. Anytime you go back to a course where you've had success and you've played well, you like getting back there. This is a shot maker's golf course, you've got to hit some good shots here, and I hit it high and that helps me a lot here.

Q. So you're second in your very first -- on this tour at the Senior Open. Are you surprised you haven't won yet?

BILLY MAYFAIR: It's hard to win out here. Am I surprised? No. Am I disappointed? Sure, absolutely. You always want to come out, what you enter every week for is to win, but it's hard to win, these guys are good. Even at our age, these guys are good. Yeah, it's disappointing that I haven't won, but I'm not upset that I haven't.

Q. What would it mean to you to win?

BILLY MAYFAIR: It would mean the world. That's what we work for, that's what we come out here, that's what we grind for and we practice for. My wife and I have never won together and my son's never seen me win. It would be really special, trust me.

Q. Billy, the Champions Tour and Boeing re-upped their deal for three more years.

BILLY MAYFAIR: That's wonderful, that's wonderful.

Q. The players love this place. Just talk a little bit about that?

BILLY MAYFAIR: Year after year -- like I said, this was my first official PGA Tour Champions event. When I turned 50 I got to play in the Senior Open and then come here, and they just do such a great job, Boeing, and taking good care of us from cars to food to everything here. Like I said, when you get to play a great resort like Snoqualmie, it's a lot of fun. And the pro-ams are fun, too, because you meet a lot of interesting people in the pro-ams and all that. For them to up it three more years is wonderful and we're very thankful and the players do love coming here very much.