

ROUND 4 INTERVIEW
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TREY MULLINAX (-25)

DOUG MILNE: We would like to welcome the winner of the 2022 Barbasol Championship, Trey Mullinax.

Trey, congratulations --

TREY MULLINAX: Thank you.

DOUG MILNE: -- on your first career PGA Tour win, 106th start just after your 30th birthday.

TREY MULLINAX: That's right.

DOUG MILNE: And with the win you move up to 71st in the FedExCup.

TREY MULLINAX: Awesome.

DOUG MILNE: What a finish. I heard you talk outside to Craig Perks that that's what you dream about, a finish like that.

TREY MULLINAX: Yeah, absolutely.

DOUG MILNE: So congratulations. Just a few comments on the week.

TREY MULLINAX: Yeah, what a week. Tired. It was a long day today, it was a grind. But we stayed sharp, we stayed focused pretty much all day. We knew it was going to be a grind, we knew we were going to get wore down, but we had to just keep at it, keep firing and at the end of the day I walked away with the low score.

DOUG MILNE: A lot of stopping and starting, that's golf, that stuff happens. How were you able to kind of keep yourself in check and not try to get too far ahead of yourself?

TREY MULLINAX: My family being here was huge. During the rain delays I'd kind of go back and forth and see them. You know, having your kids there will keep you occupied pretty quick so we would wrestle and watch movies and all kinds of stuff, so it was pretty easy to keep occupied during the rain delay.

DOUG MILNE: Not only do you get the check and the trophy from this event, but you've got a plane waiting to take you overseas.

TREY MULLINAX: Pretty awesome.

DOUG MILNE: How cool is that to be heading over to make your first start at The Open Championship, at St. Andrews nonetheless?

TREY MULLINAX: I mean, what an incredible honor to be able to go over there and play. What a dream come true to be able to go to St. Andrews on the 150th and be able to play. I've got a lot of logistics to take care of here in just a little bit, but man, super excited and ready to go over there and try to figure out that golf course.

Q. Can you remember the last time you had such a fist pump on a walk-off putt so to speak?

TREY MULLINAX: National Championship in 2014 with Coach Seawell. It was a special moment. Both of them are great. This one might get it a little bit, but I don't know, they're pretty close.

Q. Trey, a lot of people will say this is an alternative event or a second tier event. For someone like you on that 18th green looking for their first PGA Tour win and a spot in The Open on the line, how much did this moment, this result, this weekend mean to you?

TREY MULLINAX: I don't know any second tier players out there. This is a great event. Everybody playing in this event is an amazing golfer and they're on the PGA Tour. And yeah, you might not be at the Scottish, but you're playing against the best golfers. That never changed in my mind. I'm playing against the best and I want to win, so it was great to go out and do that.

Q. Congratulations. Are you one to pick the brain of your former teammate and fellow Kentuckian, Justin Thomas, a little bit when you get over there? You played with him at Alabama, correct?

TREY MULLINAX: I did.

Q. Are you going to pick his brain when you get over there?

TREY MULLINAX: Yeah, I'm hoping to. I've got to get there first and figure out accommodations and all that stuff. We'll be booking everything now, but I'm really excited about going over there and I'm hoping -- I'm sure he's texted me or called me, so I'm looking forward to seeing him and celebrating.

Q. What was going through your mind when the shot on the green appeared to be rolling downhill toward the edge and looked like it was going downhill. Were you just kind of staying stop, stop, give you a good chance?

TREY MULLINAX: Yeah, the wind was a little bit off the right and I hit it exactly where I wanted to thinking the wind might push it a little bit. It was an aggressive shot, but at the time it called for an aggressive moment.

So Kevin hit a great shot in there about nine feet, 10 feet so I knew he's been putting really well and I knew that I had to at least give myself a chance. Bailing out left was not it. So we took an aggressive line, I hit a great shot. I never thought it was going to go in the water. I knew it had enough spin on it, I knew it was a pitching wedge, it wasn't really going to bounce that much. When it landed on the green I saw it rolling, I was like okay. It just kind of kept rolling away from the hole and I was like all right, it was a good shot, stop, stop. But it kind of kept rolling and I saw it stop. I knew I was going to have an uphill putt, which is huge.

Q. It felt a lot, especially on the back nine, you and Kevin were having a back and forth when you guys were kind of separating yourself. Can you take us inside that battle and what was it like trying to go against a guy who's won twice on the Tour already?

TREY MULLINAX: Yeah, like I said before, being able to play with him for 36 holes was an absolute pleasure. He is one of the nicest men out here, polite, just unreal guy. So we were having so much fun and to have that battle with him was, for a guy like him to lean on me and give me a hug after the round just shows you how great of a guy he is. So it was an honor to battle it out with him.

Q. So we heard that your caddie has a connection to Kentucky. Can you kind of elaborate on what that was?

TREY MULLINAX: Yeah, he lives 15 minutes from here. Him and his wife and his daughter and their pretty much family live here. Yeah, it's been pretty cool to have all of them out and cheering me on, too. It was like a little army out there, it was great.

Q. Huge week for golf, the PGA TOUR and the DP World Tour. Obviously you've got a lot on your mind at the moment, but have you given any thought to coming over and playing in Europe every once in a while?

TREY MULLINAX: Yeah, if you'll have me. If you can understand me, that would be great. I'm sure that would be a great opportunity for me to play. I haven't gone through the schedules or anything like that yet, I don't know what's coming up or what's over there, but like I said, really excited. I've got a lot to figure out so I hope to get to play.

Q. There was a story floating around on Twitter today that three years ago you were hit by a golf ball in a pro-am. What's that journey been like? I know you said your golf game was out of whack for a little bit, but to get back and be on the PGA Tour, what does it mean from that aspect, too?

TREY MULLINAX: Yeah, it was tough. Obviously that guy, he didn't mean to hit me. It was

kind of a freak accident, took me out for a little while, worked really hard to get back. Went through a pretty dark period. You go from having PGA Tour status to getting injured to not playing great to nothing, and then COVID hit and then got nothing for even longer.

Really just dedicated a lot of our time to practicing and getting better and just tried to just keep at it. Like I said before, I got reminded this week of my purpose. God has me out here to play golf and I want to do that well and I want to honor Him in that. That was my goal this week was to live out my purpose, good or bad, doesn't matter.

Q. Is there any different pressure when you're coming through 15, 16, 17, whatever, and you see the leaderboard but in this case you're playing with the guy shot for shot so you kind of know what's happening instead of maybe listening down the course somewhere for that big roar?

TREY MULLINAX: Yeah, I knew me and him were battling out. I didn't know what the guys behind us were doing. I know that after we birdied 15 there was a leaderboard there and I kind of -- I was trying not to look at all, so I kind of kept my mind away from it. I saw where me and him were tied.

And then obviously 16, I knew I was probably one up and when I got on 18, me and my caddie, what do we need to do. He said, You and Kevin are tied. I said, What's everybody else? We tried to just really focus on what we were doing. He let me know that information, but at that point it's almost playing match play against him. I hit a great drive on 18 to set me up for a great second shot.

DOUG MILNE: Well, Trey, congratulations.

TREY MULLINAX: Thank you all so much.