

**ROUND 2 INTERVIEW**  
**October 8, 2022**



**MIKE WEIR (-8)**

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**Q. Off to a great start today with birdies on four of your six first holes, second consecutive 4-under 68. Just some thoughts on your round today.**

**MIKE WEIR:** Yeah, it was a really good day, I played really well. Yesterday was probably about the best I could have done, maybe one or two better, but today it could have been a really good one. Gave myself a lot of chances, especially on the back nine, gave myself a lot of chances, they just didn't want to go in. But anyhow, I played nicely today.

**Q. Mike, you had -- Strick had a run on the back same way you had the run on the front. I guess it's all timing sometimes, isn't it?**

**MIKE WEIR:** It is timing. You know, yeah, I got on a run there on the front nine, hit some close shots. Like I said, on the back nine I felt like I could have got on another run, but sometimes they go in and they don't. It will be tough to catch him tomorrow.

**Q. Your history with the Ross courses, and do you enjoy playing the courses for these kind of challenges?**

**MIKE WEIR:** Yeah, it's wonderful. This is a great test, tests your patience. You can hit some really good shots and catches a little slope and you can get into some awkward spots. That's a typical Donald Ross. I think it's come through the redesign really well, nice and firm. It's not long, but it's challenging.

**Q. Mike, with the wind that's supposed to be here tomorrow, make it a little more tricky?**

**MIKE WEIR:** Is there supposed to be wind? Yeah, any wind will make it tougher out here, no doubt about it, because you have to be so precise. It's a little bit like at Augusta, you have to hit your little spots. This course is the same thing. Where they tuck the pins, if you don't hit that little spot, it can be in some awkward spots. The wind blowing makes that club selection a little more challenging.

**Q. On that run on the front, how long were those putts? On 2, how long was that putt?**

**MIKE WEIR:** Three feet.

**Q. And 4, the par 3?**



**MIKE WEIR:** No. 4, the par 3, was a long putt, 25 feet. And then five feet and seven feet.

**Q. OK. Strick, he's not a bad wind player, either, but three shots out here, not insurmountable, is it?**

**MIKE WEIR:** No, not at all. I really like the way I'm playing. Today it was even better, an upgrade in ball-striking I think today. If I can keep that, keep hitting some solid iron shots. I drove it really well, hit some really nice drives coming in, my last three drives were great, so kind of build on that.

**Q. What are you doing well this year?**

**MIKE WEIR:** You know, I'd say it hasn't been great this year, but this week's been --

**Q. When you've played well.**

**MIKE WEIR:** When I've played well, my game usually is kind of well rounded I would say when I play well. Good driving, my iron play. I would say my putting hasn't been that great this year, but this week's been much better.

**Q. What did you work on in the off week?**

**MIKE WEIR:** The off week, I didn't -- I mean, I was at the Presidents Cup, right? I worked on watching the guys and coaching them up and watching good golf. Sometimes you can learn, you can learn a little bit watching those guys. Just kind of watching and knowing that it's not perfect, doesn't need to be perfect and that's kind of what I've done this week. It doesn't need to be perfect golf, but it needs to be smart golf around this place.

**Q. Phil won last year, Flesch was third. What is it about left-handers on this course early on in its history?**

**MIKE WEIR:** Yeah, I don't know. There's some good lefties out here on this tour, that's all. Fleschy's playing great. It's a golf course I think if you're just striking it well. I don't know if there's a lefty thing, but I think if you're striking it well and putting well, you can do well around this place.