

LECOM Suncoast Classic

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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MAC MEISSNER (-12)

Q. I guess start with what's going through your mind at this moment in time.

MAC MEISSNER: I mean, based on how yesterday went, I didn't expect today to go as it did. Didn't hit it great, did not putt very well. I was hoping I could just sneak in the cut and ended up shooting 59. I mean, definitely a little bit shocked right now. That's my first one ever and to do it in competition is pretty insane.

Q. Have you ever like flirted with that number at any point in time?

MAC MEISSNER: Yeah, I've had a few 61s, a 60, so been around there, but actually never had a putt for 59. That was cool to have one on 18, or on 9. It was kind of a tough putt and I just made a good sized one on 8 and I was like, why not? It rolled in right in the middle, that was pretty crazy.

Q. The reaction you got from your players, how was that?

MAC MEISSNER: Oh, that was cool. I think -- I didn't know I was there until I birdied 8. I thought it was a par 72 because there's four par 5s but there's five par 3s, so it's a 71. We were like 9 was downwind, we were like might as well go for a 59. We were kind of in between clubs in the fairway and my caddie looked at me and he goes, "Are we trying to shoot 59 or are we trying to shoot 60?" So I pulled less club and went right at it and ended up hitting it like 15 feet and making it.

Yeah, it was great. My playing competitors didn't know either, I think they both thought it was 60 as well. When they realized it, it was pretty fun, they were pretty congratulatory.

Q. Why don't we try to go hole by hole starting with 10, just walk us through as much as you can.

MAC MEISSNER: Yeah, so 10 I hit a great drive and hit a nice 3-iron up there probably 30 feet and two-putted for a birdie.

Eleven, I didn't hit a great drive, went right, hit the cart path and got up there pin high but in the pine straw, just hit like a safe pitch out there like 30 feet past and two-putted for a par.

Twelve, I had like 140 in, hit a nice little low draw pitching wedge in there to about three feet, made that.



Thirteen, I hit an 8-iron right up in the air to about five feet and missed it.

And then the next hole, 14, hit a 4-iron to about 30 feet above the hole and ran it like eight feet by and missed that, so I three-putted that one. I was like all right, that's kind of frustrating.

Then hit it to about 10 feet on 15, made that.

Hit it to about a foot on 16 with a 7-iron, made that.

Seventeen was the only green I missed, I hit it to the front fringe, just putted it up there, putted for par.

And then 18, I hit a 9-iron from 157 to two feet, made that.

At 1, I hit a pitching wedge from 139 to four feet and missed that.

And then 2, hit a great shot on that hole, hit an 8-iron up there to 15 feet, two-putted. Happy with that, that's a hard hole.

Three is kind of where I got started. I hit an 8-iron like 12 feet past and curled one in, a little left-to-righter.

Four is a drivable one, hit up there in the bunker, got up and down, made about a five-footer.

Five, hit a lob wedge about six feet past, made that.

And then 6, I hit a 3-iron but kind of necked it, ended up short, had a tough flop kind of over the hill, hit a nice spinner in there to about 12, 15 feet past. It was a tough pin today. Curled that one in. So that was when we were like starting to, all right, here we go.

Seven, hit an 8-iron to about 12 feet and missed that, two-putted.

Eight, hit a 50-degree from 123, landed just past the hole, rolled to about 20 feet and made that up the hill.

Then 9, had 205, hit a 6-iron up there 15 feet past and made that for 59. There you go.

Q. What do you think you're going to do? I mean, there's still two rounds to go so it's kind of an awkward thing. Probably feels like you won the tournament, but what do you do to like celebrate?

MAC MEISSNER: I think you've got to look at the leaderboard, guys are going low. Kevin's I think four ahead of me and I shot 59 today, so you've got to go low. I've got to keep the



pedal down.

Yeah, it's definitely going to be tough to back that up. I think no one really talks about how hard it is to back up good rounds, so tomorrow I'm just going to focus on my process and commit to every shot and just kind of see how it goes.

Q. What does it say about like the game of golf itself that you could show up like one day feeling like you did yesterday and then you show up today and shoot 59?

MAC MEISSNER: Totally. Yesterday I made two birdies, didn't hit -- hit it to a bunch of fringes, just felt like I was close, couldn't really get the ball on the right side of the hole. I just kind of shot a really average even par round out here.

That just goes to show you that every day's different. You wake up, you never know what can happen. I'm just super fortunate to be able to do this in a tournament.

Q. And plans for the rest of the day?

MAC MEISSNER: I'm not sure. I think we were talking about maybe going over to Pop Stroke and playing some putt-putt. Feeling pretty hot right now, so I might take a little bit of money off my caddie, you never know. Yeah, I'll do that. Rest a little bit, get in the pool at our host house and just hang out and try and get ready to go tomorrow.

