

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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MICHAEL FEAGLES (-12)



Q. All right, 59, what an incredible start to this week. Just initial emotions on doing that today?

MICHAEL FEAGLES: It was pretty surreal for me because I wasn't really ever thinking about it out there. I had an eagle putt on 5 that would have gotten me to 9 under and I missed, and I basically just dropped the 59 thought. It was just, oh, play good coming in. And then hit it to like a foot on 6, two feet on 7 and then I'm like, OK, well, if I can birdie the last two, I can do it, and did.

But honestly, like until the actual ball went in the hole, I was like I don't think this is going to happen, like there's no way this happens, right? People don't just shoot 59. And it did, yeah. Feeling great, feel great.

Q. That putt on 9, I mean, pressure getting to you? What were you thinking about, the read and everything like that?

MICHAEL FEAGLES: Yeah, that putt on 9 was the best putt I made all day. I don't know, 30-some feet with a bunch of break, probably three to four feet of break, and fast. It looked good the whole way. Yeah, that was pretty cool.

Q. Have you ever shot 59?

MICHAEL FEAGLES: First time.

Q. What's the lowest score that you've had before this one?

MICHAEL FEAGLES: I've shot 61 in a tournament, but 60 other than that. I've only shot 61s. I want to say I've shot 61 like four or five times. But I never really had a chance to shoot 59, that was like my first real chance, so I'm one for one. If I'm getting on a heater early, you guys better go follow because I'll probably do it again, two for two.

Q. Obviously everything had to be going well for you today to shoot that score, but what was like the key to getting that 59 today?

MICHAEL FEAGLES: I hit it so good today. I probably made like, wait, how many birdies, 12 birdies? Like nine of those were like inside five feet, like I just hit it great and just kept like



momentum going all day.

Like it felt for the entire round like I was hitting it exactly where I was supposed to hit it. I can't think of a single shot where I was like, oh, like no, like that's no good. Just all day right where I wanted to be and just kept making putts, making birdies, which was the momentum.

Q. Fifty-nine anywhere's obviously incredible, but to do it in a tournament round when there's a lot on the line every single week, how does it feel to start the week off on such a high note?

MICHAEL FEAGLES: Yeah, it's so cool, this event's so cool. I'm playing with a good buddy of mine, Kevin Ellis, who a lot of people from the Tour know who he is. So to do it with him and his father-in-law caddying for him and the two others in our group is so cool. Now it's like a memory that we're going to share through our friendship like forever now. So I think that just speaks to how awesome this event is. And the Korn Ferry does a great job of running it. Yeah, I'm pretty stoked right now.

Q. What are the goals for the rest of the week? Just shot a 59, so what's the plan for tomorrow at Carolina?

MICHAEL FEAGLES: I'm just going to try to, essentially when I wake up tomorrow, just try to kind of forget about this. I know how hard it is to back up a round like that, so I'm just going to go do the best I can, play as solidly as I can and hopefully keep doing somewhat of what I was doing today.

Q. And then obviously I don't see another 59 happening today, but how does it feel to be leading after 18 holes and in position?

MICHAEL FEAGLES: Yeah, it feels great. If you kind of look at my scores as of late, you probably wouldn't see me doing this, but like it's just been golf. Honestly, golf's just been doing it to me. Like certain weeks parts of my game will feel really good and other parts will feel like I literally never played before.

So that's difficult, but I finally feel like I'm piecing it all together. Obviously I pieced it really well together today. I just feel like I've been trending, so it's great to be up there again. I love being in contention in golf tournaments, that's like my favorite thing ever and like those nerves and pressure I think is cool. It's a privilege to feel that and like come down these fairways and have people watching you and cheering you on and being in contention for a golf tournament. It's great. I'm excited for the rest of the week.

Q. What did you tell yourself standing over that putt on 9?

MICHAEL FEAGLES: Well, the first thing was don't leave it short. I knew I couldn't leave it short. If I left it short, I would hate myself probably forever.



And then the other thing was just like essentially what I've been thinking all day, like the thought I've been having of getting the clubface as square as I could at address and just basically just like my process. It never was like, oh, no, this is for 59; it was basically just like, OK, this is the line, hit it here and hopefully it goes in. It wasn't anything different.

Q. What did you eat for breakfast this morning?

MICHAEL FEAGLES: Whatever was in player dining, that's what I had. I don't remember. Pretty basic, fruit, eggs, I had probably like three cups of coffee. Yeah, that along with like the six birdies on the front wasn't going well together, I started to get a little jittery. Maybe I'll cut it to one tomorrow, I don't know.

Q. We've got to see that repeated a little bit just for the sake of trying to repeat another 59.

MICHAEL FEAGLES: Like three cups of coffee at 6:00 in the morning? Yeah, probably not.

