

Club Car Championship

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW

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MITCHELL MEISSNER (-10)



Q. Mitchell, great round and top of the board right now. Walk us through some of the highlights of the day today.

MITCHELL MEISSNER: Yeah, you know, I played pretty solid, I hit a lot of greens. I honestly might have just missed the first green and then hit every green after that. Gave myself a lot of chances for birdies out there. It was nice to kind of hole a good one on 18 just to kind of cap off the round. Yeah, really just happy with how I played. You know, looking forward to the weekend.

Q. Just thoughts on the course and setup?

MITCHELL MEISSNER: Course is great. It's in unbelievable shape, fairways are awesome, greens are perfect. It's been great since the rain on Sunday, Monday, it's drying out perfectly. Couldn't ask for a better week.

Q. Bogey-free round on this course is pretty tough, especially with the wind blowing, and then finishing with a birdie has to be good?

MITCHELL MEISSNER: Absolutely, it feels nice. Any bogey-free round anywhere we play feels good.

But yeah, I mean, you can kind of plot your way around here. It's a course that I think tends to work into my strengths where you don't have to hit it super far, you hit it super straight and kind of work with your irons. Been hitting the irons really nice, so just give myself a lot of chances and hope to do that on the weekend.

Q. You've been out here a couple years now. What would you describe your experience like over the last two and a half years or so?

MITCHELL MEISSNER: Yeah, my experience has changed a lot. I played Latin for three years and it's a lot different. It was kind of a wake-up call coming here. Got off to a really bad start my first year and missed a bunch of cuts in a row. Kind of have fallen, you know, into kind of figuring out how to play practice rounds and who to play with and setting up the week.

Being a third year you almost feel like a veteran out here, you've seen these courses a bunch. I actually played here second stage of Q-School two years ago after my first year

here. This week feels like a lot less pressure than that, so it's actually kind of fun playing a course I really like under maybe a little less, you know, pressure packed situations. Yeah, the last few years has been nice to kind of give myself some experience and I'm looking forward to the end of this week and the rest of the year.

Q. Is there anything else that like clicked for you last year or was it really just getting comfortable?

MITCHELL MEISSNER: Sure, I mean, I kind of always believed in my game. I felt like even in that first stretch of events my first year, like I played fine and I just, you know, it was hard to make cuts. Once you miss a few in a row, you never feel like you're going to make a cut again. So it was nice last year, I had a stretch where I made seven, eight, nine in a row. At that point it feels like you're never going to miss a cut again.

So it's nice to kind of find that consistency last year because that's kind of what I pride myself on. I'm not necessarily a guy that goes out and has -- shoots 63 with nine, 10 birdies. I kind of like to plot my way around, shoot four, five, 6 under par and hope it adds up to enough at the end. Yeah, to find that consistency last year's been nice, and to kind of carry over into this year's been awesome.

Q. How quickly did you get into golf and where did you play a lot of your golf growing up?

MITCHELL MEISSNER: Sure, yeah. I actually was born in Charleston, South Carolina, pretty close to here, and my dad had just gotten into golf. He was in residency there at the time. Took me out for a few holes at a time, I had some plastic clubs that I would hit some balls with, then my mom would come pick me up.

Early on I loved the game. Then we moved to San Antonio when I was 4 and kind of grew up there and learned to golf there out of a place called Oak Hills, which is actually really similar to this, similar style golf course. I think that has helped me this week and helps me on courses that are kind of shorter, tighter, bermuda, I kind of feel comfortable there. Live in Dallas now. It's a little different, but yeah, San Antonio's kind of where I grew up playing and where I learned to really love golf.

Q. Do you remember playing junior circuit in Texas and anyone you might have played against?

MITCHELL MEISSNER: Absolutely, the Texas golf circuit, it's a close knit community. You kind of, you know, you see Scottie, you would see Scottie, you would see Zalatoris, like a bunch of guys here in and here out, like Chandler Phillips is a guy I played a lot of golf against and his caddie Braden Bailey, and Cooper Dossey, we all know each other. We would see each other at STPGA tournaments real young and then Legends and PGAGT events and then a few AJGAs sprinkled here and there. We all kind of stayed in Texas for school, for college, so we would see each other a bunch.

And I think Texas, like as a biased person, I think Texas kind of molds some really good players. You learn how to play in the wind, you learn how to play in tough conditions. I think that it was awesome growing up in Texas and having those circuits to kind of gain some experience on.

Q. You've mentioned consistency, making your sixth cut in seven events and you've had some good results. What is it about your game that's been able to carry over across these different golf courses this season?

MITCHELL MEISSNER: Yeah, you know, they've been very different, the courses have been very different. Being in the Bahamas -- we've actually battled a lot of wind, which I think has helped me because in San Antonio we would get a bunch of wind, and Dallas right now the last few weeks it's been blowing 30, 40, so I've been kind of used to hitting 6-iron from 160, 170 and chipping it and kind of keeping it below the wind. But as far as consistency, I've hit the irons really well, I've driven it pretty straight and I've kind of always said I'm a hot putting week away from contending. It's been nice early in the year to kind of get into some contention. Colombia was really cool because it's kind of the first time in contention out here. Learned some things down the stretch, you know, and got maybe a little too aggressive down the stretch trying to win. I think that will body well this week and for the rest of the year because I think that I really do believe in my game and think that I can contend a lot out here.