

TULUM CHAMPIONSHIP AT PGA RIVIERA MAYA

ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES

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MITCHELL MEISSNER (-6)



Q. Mitchell, 6 under today, I guess just take us through your round and what was working well for you out there.

MITCHELL MEISSNER: Yeah, I kept it in play all day, hit the mini driver a lot and hit it really well. I really made some good putts. Made a really good putt on 5, made a really good putt on 4. Kind of like just gained some momentum early in the round, pretty big breaking left-to-righter that I've been struggling with, kind of spurred on some more birdies. Really hit some good wedges in there like on 8 and 16, the par 5 on the back, and kind of made a bonus on 17, made about a 25-footer. So overall really good ball-striking day and made some putts to kind of cap it off.

Q. You mentioned the mini driver. Are you even carrying a driver in your bag this week?

MITCHELL MEISSNER: I am. I'm hitting one driver a day pretty much. Maybe if the wind changes, 10, 11, 12, you can kind of hit some drivers. I hit a really good one on 14, which is nice, and hit a 3-iron up around the green. I know the first few days out on the range there was a lot of like trying to figure out am I going to put 3-iron in, am I going to keep 5-wood, am I going to take out the driver. It was kind of a lot of work on the range, but it worked well today.

Q. What was kind of how you came to that end result? Was it just how you were hitting it?

MITCHELL MEISSNER: Sure, I've been using the mini driver for a while so I'm comfortable with it. On tight holes I'll usually use that when we're back in the States. I'm usually a 5-wood guy, and there's just a few holes on the front nine where you kind of want to pinch a 3- or 2-iron down there just to get it to roll and through the trees. There was still some thoughts this morning about whether I should play 5-wood or 3-iron and I'm stuck with the 3-iron that I had made last week and it was good.

Q. Can you kind of talk about the tee shots here? You have trees that kind of blocks out some of the wind, but if you get over it it kind of comes into play.

MITCHELL MEISSNER: Yeah, it's strange, the wind kind of. It doesn't really shift, it's pretty constantly from the southeast coming out of the ocean, but you get in these little nooks in the trees where you just can't feel anything and you kind of have to trust it. Like 16's kind of

weird, 6 is kind of weird where you can't really feel anything on the tee, but you know it's up there off the left so you kind of have to trust that and just kind of keep going through your process because it's easy to get over that ball and not trust where the wind's coming from. The back nine's a little easier for that just because it's a little more out in the open and there's a big American flag out there in the distance where you can see it blowing, but front nine gets a little tough sometimes.

Q. You played here back in '21 on Latinoamerica. Has that kind of helped you coming back? How much do you remember about that?

MITCHELL MEISSNER: Yeah, I remember the course very well. This is where I was able to cap off a really good season in 22 and win the Totalplay Cup. Really fond memories of being here. I haven't necessarily like played as well as I would like to on the golf course, but hoping to kind of change that this year. I mean, I think playing a course a few times prior to a tournament or even playing a tournament prior is always good because you feel comfortable on a few of the tee balls that are tougher, especially when the wind starts blowing. Absolutely, I think it helped.

Q. And how's the course setup this week?

MITCHELL MEISSNER: It's been awesome, I think they did a really good job. No. 2 and 15 are tough par 3s and they did a good job with the setup today, and not making us pull out mini driver on 15 because it's dead into the wind. The course is in great shape, greens are really good, fairways are rolling awesome. Yeah, it's going to be great.

Q. A little bit before this, last week, your third top-10 this year. You had two last year (indiscernible) through nine events last year. I guess where do you think kind of the results are coming from this year?

MITCHELL MEISSNER: Yeah, last week was a really good week. My forte's not typically to go low and shot 26 under par. To just kind of have that positive play in my back pocket kind of helped this week. I think that I've gotten here in the past and just kind of been like OK, even par's a really good score, and it is, but kind of making a few birdies last week and seeing putts go in really helped.

I don't know, I think last year I really didn't play poorly, had some really good weeks that I didn't really cap off in the end. I know I played well in Denver first three rounds and played really well in Springfield the following week, just didn't really cap off the week and ended up, you know, 15th or whatever. I think just learning these courses and getting more and more comfortable out here on the Korn Ferry Tour is helping a lot.

Q. Where are you staying this week?

MITCHELL MEISSNER: You know, we have a good AirBnB. We've got like six guys and two caddies staying with us inside the property. We're having a good time, we're playing a

lot of gin and playing some blackjack when we get back to the house. So we're having a really fun time and I think those good vibes are helping a lot.