



Mike Weir
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Question: golf course and how are you feeling?

Mike Weir Answer:

Yeah, the course is great. You know, they obviously had a lot of rain here, so it's very green. Different than when we played the last few years, you just kind of fast and balls -- chasing lots of balls, not running out; and the greens are softer, and they're really good condition. A little blustery today, so a little tougher scoring positions. But the course is nice. Really good.

Question: Your season as a whole, how would you kind of assess things to this point?

Mike Weir Answer:

Yeah, it's been pretty flat. I obviously haven't played in the last couple of months at all; so I haven't even played. So last week was a little bit better. Still a little bit not very sharp with my short game. Ball striking is good. Was really good today. And putting felt a little better. So hopefully trend in the right direction.

Question: How has being back on playing on Canadian soil been?

Mike Weir Answer:

We only get once a year on this Tour, you know, so it's great. Looking forward to great fan support on the weekend and I like this course. So hopefully I can get myself in the mix on Sunday.

Question: You played in here four times already. Your first year was your best; last year you were 20th. Is there something you can build on?

Mike Weir Answer:

I think I can -- yeah, I think so. I think I know how to play the golf course now. I don't think too much about what clubs to use off the tee; I feel pretty comfortable around here now. And, yeah, it's just a matter of scoring, executing your shots and scoring and for me lately, just getting a little bit better with the flat stick and that was a little better today. So hopefully I will be on form.

Question: Meeting the fans, so many of them here, and they're going to be on your side this week?

Mike Weir Answer:

Yeah. Oh, that's special, you know, special to be playing home. That's the great thing about playing at home is the fan support. And I said here and the Canadian Open are the two chances I get to play in front of the fans. So it's great.

Question: Mike, what do you make of the competition out here every single year? I mean, look at the [Miguel's] won four times, [Padraig's] won a couple times; you know, these guys just keep winning?

Mike Weir Answer:

Yeah.

Question: What do you make of kind of the competition, and what will it take for you to win again?

Mike Weir Answer:

Well, yeah, the competition is great out here. I mean, you got to really -- you know, three rounds, you have to start fast and get going early because it's tough to catch up. Every tournament's, 15 to 20 under par. So if you have an even-par round or something, it's pretty hard to make that up. So you have to get out of the gates and get going.

For myself, yeah, I would say the strength of my game for my career has been my short game. That's kind of what's been letting me down a little bit lately. I haven't been very sharp with that. And so the time off that I had, I spent more time on it. And, as I said, it showed a little bit more life last week. Putting still wasn't great, but I feel like I'm trending in the right direction with that stuff. So that's what's going to take me to win a tournament, is my short game getting a little bit better.

Question: So you're seeing a lot of more Canadian players on the tour right now. What do you think that says about the game of golf in Canada?

Mike Weir Answer:

Yeah, we have lots of talent up here. We got a lot of good players on the PGA Tour now and guys contending and some wins out there. I think going forward there will be more and more. I think it speaks to what Golf Canada has done with their development program too. I think they've done a nice job with that. Yeah, just as a whole it's great. You know, when I was, you know, coming up the ranks, there wasn't as many; and now there's a lot more, a lot more guys that can do well out there and win. So, it's a great time for golf in Canada right now.

Question: Other than being in Canada, what's special about the Rogers Charity Classic?

Mike Weir Answer:

I mean, just the fan support here. I mean, the charity component.. I think over \$137 million that Rogers and Shaw have donated to local charities around here. That's phenomenal, you know. It's not only tops on our tour here, but, you know, in the top five on the regular tour as well. So they've done a phenomenal job with this tournament with that.

I mean, it's just a great city. I got to go fishing yesterday, went fly fishing yesterday, caught a few. So, just to, you know, put your feet up a little bit and enjoy the city and be able to do that's great too.

Question: For the young Canadian fans that are going to be watching you today, what do you have to say to them?

Mike Weir Answer:

Young Canadian fans? Come out and watch. Us old guys can still play, and it's a little more friendly atmosphere. I mean, there's not as many people as maybe a PGA Tour event, so you can get up close to the players and see, you know, a lot of great golf.
