

PRE-TOURNAMENT INTERVIEW
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WES SHORT, JR.

Q. How nice is it to be back here, the site of where you won two years ago?

WES SHORT, JR.: Yeah, it's nice to be back. Too bad it's not full fans, but at least we're playing. The tournament, they get -- the fans really get behind the tournament and it makes it fun for us.

Q. Yeah. And it's still a course you like to play here?

WES SHORT, JR.: Oh, I like this course a lot. I've had a fourth and a win, of course. I like the course a lot. I think it's a little bit of everything; it has some long holes, short holes, makes you use all the clubs in your bag. It's a good course in my opinion.

Q. I've got to ask you because they keep showing the highlight of your win, the bounce. Do you still wake up and say, wow, that was a nice one?

WES SHORT, JR.: It was a nice one. It was the best I ever had. They asked me the year before last, do you want to take that rock with you, and I said no, I might need it for next time, I'll leave it here.

Q. You're a two-year champion, too.

WES SHORT, JR.: That's the way I'm counting it. If I can win again, I'll be a three-time champion.

Q. You've got to like that. How hard has it been to kind of get back into the swing of things with the way the year and a half has gone?

WES SHORT, JR.: This year's a little bit better because we're playing a little bit more. Last year we didn't have any fans, and then not to play very many tournaments was tough. But this year we've not had full fans except for a few tournaments still, which is kind of a little weird. At least we're playing golf, like I said earlier. We're playing a lot of golf.

Q. How important was it to come here? I mean, this tournament might not have happened for a lot of guys. It's not easy to come up, they don't want to go through all the hassle.

WES SHORT, JR.: Yeah, it's not that much. You've got to do some testing stuff. The biggest deal is not being able to leave the hotel. You come here or to the hotel, which we had to do that at the Senior British Open and wasn't a whole lot of fun, to tell you the truth,

outside the golfing. But you've got to do what you've got to do to try to play in a golf tournament, so I do it and see what happens.

Q. Are you one of those guys that goes fly fishing out here?

WES SHORT, JR.: You know, I'm not much of a fly fisherman especially. I'm more of a catcher. If they're biting, I'm good. If not, I'd rather go drink a beer somewhere.

Q. Mike Weir is a Canadian, sort of a fan favorite and also a contender. Playing against him, you've played against him in younger days?

WES SHORT, JR.: We did, and I played with him at the U.S. Open, the Senior, in Omaha a few weeks back and he played really well. He's hitting it good. He'll be a strong contender.