

# Par 5 with a putter: Maurice Allen

## Transcript

**00:00:10:02 - 00:00:28:27**

**GOLFER:**

That was unbelievable. That was one of the best shots I've ever seen in my entire life. 90 yards with a putter. Unbelievable. How did you do that? Nobody really...I want to know right now.

**00:00:29:01 - 00:00:38:12**

**MAURICE ALLEN:**

My name is Maurice Allen, 2018 Volvik World Long Drive champion. The only person in history to hit a golf ball across Niagara Falls. And I'm here to change the game of golf.

**00:00:39:10 - 00:00:45:05**

**GOLFER:**

Maurice Allen, long drive champion. We've got a challenge on our hands. Maurice has one club and I have 13.

**00:00:45:09 - 00:00:47:01**

**MAURICE ALLEN:**

I'm only going to play with the putter.

**00:00:47:02 - 00:00:49:18**

**GOLFER:**

How long are you expecting the putter to go off the tee?

**00:00:49:18 - 00:00:54:07**

**MAURICE ALLEN:**

Today? Into the wind, if I can get it to about 270, I'll be good.

**00:00:55:25 - 00:00:58:04**

**GOLFER:**

270 yards?

**00:00:58:04 - 00:00:59:11**

**MAURICE ALLEN:**

Yeah.

**00:00:59:11 - 00:01:02:29**

**GOLFER:**

It's a compliment, my laughter. It's a promise.

**00:01:02:29 - 00:01:07:21**

**MAURICE ALLEN:**

This thing is probably from 1960 something or another. But.

**00:01:07:29 - 00:01:11:14**

**GOLFER:**

Are you going to play with the rings?

**00:01:11:14 - 00:01:11:26**

**MAURICE ALLEN:**

No.

**00:01:11:26 - 00:01:14:06**

**GOLFER:**

We're talking about the World Long Drive Championship rings.

**00:01:14:07 - 00:01:14:28**

**MAURICE ALLEN:**

You want to see them?

**00:01:14:28 - 00:01:15:09**

**GOLFER:**

I do.

**00:01:15:09 - 00:01:19:05**

**MAURICE ALLEN:**

So two Europeans, one U.S. Tour. So three Tour rings and one World ring.

**00:01:19:09 - 00:01:21:03**

**GOLFER:**

And you don't ever go to Olive Garden wearing these?

**00:01:21:04 - 00:01:24:25**

**MAURICE ALLEN:**

No, no, no. Olive Garden? No. Probably more like a Ruth Chris or something.

**00:01:25:07 - 00:01:25:16**

**GOLFER:**

Yeah.

**00:01:25:25 - 00:01:27:10**

**MAURICE ALLEN:**

How far is this hole?

**00:01:27:10 - 00:01:30:10**

**GOLFER:**

For you? It's a shorty.

**00:01:34:21 - 00:01:38:13**

**MAURICE ALLEN:**

All right, let's see what we getting right here.

**00:01:43:22 - 00:01:57:12**

**GOLFER:**

It's pretty good. I got more questions now than I have ever had in the game of golf. A lot of people talk about growing the game. Your version of the Grow the Game Initiative is a little more unique.

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**MAURICE ALLEN:**

So for me, Grow the Game is giving the opportunity that was given to me. I understand that what \$50,000 could do. So what I decided was to give black males and black females opportunity of living out their dream like I had the opportunity of living out mine.

**00:02:13:27 - 00:02:22:18**

**GOLFER:**

One of the things that we're really talking about today is imagine golf, imagining the future of the game. How are you positioning that in your life?

**00:02:22:20 - 00:02:44:02**

**MAURICE ALLEN:**

It's different, right, because you look at golf and people say, well, golf doesn't know color and things of that nature like I see all the time. So that's where I really want to see the game changing. The way I look at it is simple. The game of golf has given me more than I can ever repay it. A kid from Pine Hills, Florida, who becomes a world champion who's won on every continent except Africa. You can't repay something when that's given you, but all you can do is pay it forward.

**00:02:48:13 - 00:02:50:24**

**GOLFER:**

Right. That's beautiful.

**00:02:51:06 - 00:02:53:29**

**MAURICE ALLEN:**

Long way to go.

**00:02:55:08 - 00:02:58:05**

**GOLFER:**

Not my best.

**00:02:59:16 - 00:03:11:11**

**MAURICE ALLEN:**

Oh, no. Sit, sit, sit, sit, sit, sit, sit. Yeah, it's definitely not ideal, but the positive is on this next shot, the water is on the left so I can hit a cut.

**00:03:11:29 - 00:03:17:12**

**GOLFER:**

One of us is playing chess and the other, me, is playing checkers.

**00:03:22:19 - 00:03:25:13**

**MAURICE ALLEN:**

That was really good.

**00:03:28:09 - 00:03:29:18**

**GOLFER:**

Oh, my goodness.

**00:03:29:19 - 00:03:34:28**

**MAURICE ALLEN:**

Oh, that's short. Get right, get right, get right. Okay, hit a little fat.

**00:03:37:03 - 00:03:37:21**

**GOLFER:**

That's pretty good.

**00:03:38:00 - 00:03:42:24**

**MAURICE ALLEN:**

That's really good. That is in range.

**00:03:43:19 - 00:03:50:00**

**GOLFER:**

Wow. Are you kidding me? Are you kidding me? 90 yards with a putter.

**00:03:50:08 - 00:03:51:14**

**MAURICE ALLEN:**

All right, now we've got to make the putts.

**00:03:51:14 - 00:03:57:25**

**GOLFER:**

Honestly, like I'm about to concede. How are you? How would you describe your putting game?

**00:03:57:25 - 00:03:59:05**

**MAURICE ALLEN:**

With this putt I don't know.

**00:03:59:05 - 00:04:00:07**

**GOLFER:**

Well.

**00:04:00:07 - 00:04:02:18**

**MAURICE ALLEN:**

I've got confidence with it back there.

**00:04:02:18 - 00:04:03:01**

**GOLFER:**

Yeah.

**00:04:03:01 - 00:04:10:29**

**MAURICE ALLEN:**

But what it's actually made for, I got none. Nope. Sit, sit, sit, sit, sit, sit.

**00:04:11:16 - 00:04:16:19**

**GOLFER:**

You know, I only putt with the 4 iron that often, so.

**00:04:16:19 - 00:04:17:03**

**MAURICE ALLEN:**

That's it.

**00:04:18:04 - 00:04:19:06**

**GOLFER:**

Oh.

**00:04:19:16 - 00:04:22:23**

**MAURICE ALLEN:**

You take that. That's good.

**00:04:24:27 - 00:04:32:26**

**GOLFER:**

Even though, we tied. If I had been in your shoes, you would have beaten me by, like I would say, factor of three. That was fun.

**00:04:32:26 - 00:04:34:07**

**MAURICE ALLEN:**

That was fun.

**00:04:34:07 - 00:04:36:02**

**GOLFER:**

You learn anything today?

**00:04:36:02 - 00:04:42:05**

**MAURICE ALLEN:**

Yeah. Yeah. Overcoming adversity. Just enjoying the day, enjoying the good friendship. What else is there.

**00:04:42:08 - 00:04:55:10**

**GOLFER:**

Yeah, I actually might play better with 13 clubs than 14. I'm going to get rid of my putter.



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