

Mike Dunn

LW: In 2012 you have announced your retirement. But you are still on the tour and you are more successful than before. What happened?

MD: I was very ill and went into Hospital many time during the season with kidney and back problems. Now the problems have gone I am able to practice much more.

LW: How (dis)satisfied are you with your career so far?

MD: I have been able to have a great life through snooker and I'm very happy with how my career has gone and I'm delighted to have been a pro for 25years, not many pros can say that.

LW: When was your best performance as a snooker player? (Which performance do you rate higher: playing at the Crucible or reaching the semi final in China for staying on the tour?)

MD: I would have said playing at the crucible but now have to say getting to the semi final and staying on the tour, I stayed in China for 1 month to practice before the event and most pros laughed and said I was crazy!!

LW: How would you describe yourself as a player? (style, strengths, weaknesses)

MD: very reliable in winning early round matches, excellent single ball potter with a good safety game and I can score heavy when I need to, I've never been interested in 100 breaks and my career 100 totals are a false number really because I switch off when I win the frame.

LW: Who does support you the most (as a snooker player and/or as a person)?

MD: Family are no1 although it's also nice to get a well done from close friends and other players.

LW: Whose skills do you find most impressive?

MD: Mark Selby for his determination to turn a match around and obviously Ronnie in full flow.

LW: You have experienced how feelings like fear, joy and relief affected your game. Have you ever used this effect on purpose? (e.g. using a mental method like "resource-state")

MD: Reverse psychology I use all the time because if you expect to win and play well it sometimes doesn't happen so I sometimes talk myself down to not put pressure on.

LW: What is your opinion about women playing on the main tour?

MD: I would love to see more women competing on the tour.

LW: To you, is there a difference between losing to a female player than to a male? Or is there a difference winning against a woman?

MD: If ANYONE , man , woman or child plays well and beats me there is no difference its down to ability.

LW: Do you know if there's something your fans would really appreciate you doing it for them?

MD: No not got a clue.

LW: If your snooker career comes to an end, what will be your perspective?

MD: I ran the world snooker coaching for 8 years and taught many people to coach, I would go around the world to teach and have had many offers to do so.

LW: What is your biggest wish for the near future?

MD: To stay fit and healthy and still compete at the highest level.

LW: What are you most passionate about in life?

MD: I love watching Middlesbrough FC and helping young players develop their snooker career.

LW: Would you consider yourself a happy person?

MD: Yes very happy, I'm always joking and winding people up.

LW: What does Batman and you have in common?

MD: We both go out on a night fighting crime taking no nonsense from anyone and Mark Williams is my Joker!!!

LW: What was the reason for losing all your followers on twitter?

MD: Because Williams said I could close my account for more than a month and then reopen it!! 8000 followers disappeared because I listened to him!!!!

LW: Is there any question you really want to answer that you were never asked?

MD: No.

Thank you for taking the time to answer our questions. We wish you all the best for the future.