

KEVIN SUTHERLAND - FINAL

MODERATOR: Congratulations, Kevin Sutherland, on this incredible victory. Talk about how this come from behind win and the chip on 16.

KEVIN SUTHERLAND: Yeah, I wasn't actually struggling hitting the ball. Kind of my iron play was very sporadic and just kind of hung in there, made some nice putts, made a big putt on 6, a big putt on 10, made a birdie on 12, kind of kept me in the game. Hit a very poor tee shot on 16 but then just a great chip on 16. Really kin of got me back in. I was two down with three to play, wasn't really showing a lot of really anything at that point I chip it in and he doesn't get a bogey, Mike Weir doesn't get the bogey, and all the sudden we're tied. I played the last two holes as well as I played any two holes all week. I don't know, just got me refocused or something, but the tee shot and the second shot on 18 were the two best shots I hit all week. The timing was great for that and it worked out for me.

Q. The strategy on 17 (Inaudible)?

KEVIN SUTHERLAND: No, we were going to hit an 8iron. I was a little worried about the lie. It looked like it was going to jump a little bit and the wind at that particular moment was just howling. So I decided to try to hit a 9iron out to the left a little bit. I didn't make my best swing I've ever made, but I got it where I was looking, kind of a little steep and I kind of stuck my club in the ground a little bit, but went in the right direction. It ended up in a spot where I could I putted it, but it was off the green where I could get done in two. In some ways I think that was the right play all along. I think the 8iron was always kind of begging for it to be someplace good, and the 9iron was the right play out to the left, try to get it out of the gap, worked out good for me.

Q. Are you looking for real estate?

KEVIN SUTHERLAND: Arizona has been good to me. You know, for some reason I played well in this tournament in the past. I played well in the Phoenix Open on tour. For some reason Arizona has always been good to me. I don't know what it is about the air here, but I seem to enjoy it. It's been good to the Schwab Cup and Phoenix Country Club been terrific to me and this course has been really good too.

Q. You were down by four shots through eight holes. What was your thought process at that point?

KEVIN SUTHERLAND: I didn't I was at that particular moment in time I was still kind of trying to do it myself. I was just struggling to kind of get the thing going and get a

good feel for how far the ball was going and just making consistent solid contact.

So I wasn't paying too much attention to what Mike was doing. I knew Mike had a lead on me and I just kind of hoped to stay the course a little bit. He made the bogey on 9 which got me to three, then I birdied 10, got me to two, kind of hovered there a for awhile, kind of stayed around that number. And I wasn't really doing much until the chipin on 16 and just kind of it flipped it for me a little bit, I don't know, mentally. I don't know if that would be the right word for that, but ever since that shot I hit four really good shots and some good putts and just kind of saw the change in tide for me personally. Unfortunately for Mike, he didn't get up and down in the bunker, on 16 and he wasn't able to get up and down out of the bunker on 17, sorry, I'm cold. Mike didn't get up and down out of the bunker on 17, so all the sudden went from being two down to one up and one to play. First time I was leading all week was really on the last hole, and so it's just kind of the way it worked out for me. Worked out great for me and it was very fortunate and I'm very pleased.

Q. This is like your 68th top ten or something like that. (Inaudible) I know you're not a guy that really cares much about headlines, but you're like one of the better guys one of the best guys out here with your consistency?

KEVIN SUTHERLAND: Yeah, I feel like I'm one of the better players on this tour, I really do. I don't care about headlines and people telling me I'm doing well, some sort of accolades, I just don't. It's not something I've ever been I always felt like I just really tried to play for myself, my family, stuff like that. I enjoy what I'm doing and try to interact with the people at the golf course and have fun and whatever comes from that is great. But I feel like on this tour I've been playing really well and I feel really good about that.

Q. It was windy to start. How difficult was it to figure out the club (Inaudible)?

KEVIN SUTHERLAND: I struggled with the wind today. I struggled with the velocity. I just never felt comfortable picking the right kind of shot to hit. Honestly, the shot on 18 was by far the best shot I hit all week. Just said I'd hit it hard, keep it down. For some reason I was resistant to try to hit that shot all week, not sure why I was, but I picked a good time to change my tune a little bit and had a good finish.

Q. Mike Weir has been a runnerup twice now. How hard is it to win the first time out here and then how does that sort of change things?

KEVIN SUTHERLAND: I think I'm a good example of that. I went quite a way's without winning. First time I won was 2017 at Phoenix Country Club, and then all the sudden I ran off, I had two I have five now, I think I had two in '19 and one last year, one this year, so they seem to come easier. That's not the right word. It just seems like I always kind of reminded myself if I give myself opportunities I'm eventually going to cash one in. I know Mike's going to do Mike had every right to win, he played terrific golf. I just happened to do some good things at the right time and it worked out for me.

Q. Did anyone pick up on the joke you made on the sixth green when the wind was howling around and you were talking about the Wizard of Oz?

KEVIN SUTHERLAND: We had this dust devil come through. I said I felt like it was the Wizard of Oz, and then he made the putt, there was no place like home. So it was a joke between I don't know if anybody heard it.

Q. I heard it.

KEVIN SUTHERLAND: You heard it, but yeah, so I made this long putt and that was crazy there. It wasn't a little one, it was a big one, came through right over that green and it was crazy there. That putt was humming too. You need breaks like that. The chipin on 16, I mean, I hit a good shot. It doesn't have to go in. It just did, you know. The putt on 6, it was going pretty firm and it just went in. When you win, you need good breaks and sometimes, earlier we were talking about Mike Weir, sometimes you just need the break at the right time. So today was my day.