

ROUND 3 INTERVIEW
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STEVE FLESCH (-8)

Q. Some great work out of you, tying the course record there.

STEVE FLESCH: Oh, really? Okay. I didn't know that.

Q. Yeah, it is.

STEVE FLESCH: Nice.

Q. We just wanted to get a couple comments on your day.

STEVE FLESCH: Okay, good. Well, I appreciate you reaching out.

Honestly, I kind of have been up and down all year and last night, kind of after playing crappy yesterday -- I mean, I shot 2 under the first day, 3 over yesterday, just no consistency -- I looked back at some of my old swings on YouTube, 2000 and stuff, and I realized that my grip had gotten way too strong. So today I showed up and I was like, I don't care where I hit it, I can't play much worse than yesterday, I'm just going to weaken my grip up and see where it goes, and I hit it absolutely great.

So sometimes we get a little bit too caught up in what's comfortable and don't pay attention to the details. Last night I just kind of had a little revelation looking back and it just worked out and I putted great today. I've gone to the arm-lock putting method the last two weeks and today it clicked. I hit it inside six feet six times and made a couple other good ones. Made a bomb on 18 from. So very encouraging now with a week off to kind of work on it a little bit more, then head to Firestone here in two weeks.

Q. Steve, I just had a question about your play on the back nine in particular. You finished with four in a row, and especially 17 and 18 have not been holes that people have been birdieing left and right this week. How do you explain that finish?

STEVE FLESCH: I wish I could, honestly. I had made two in a row, 15, 16, and then 17 they moved the tees up with that cute little front left hole location, and with the wind off the right, it's just kind of a -- it's not a sucker pin, but you've got to be very careful.

I was actually aiming the ball about 15 feet right of the hole with an 8-iron and the wind kind of popped up right after I hit it and it kind of blew it over to the hole about three feet and I made it. But I certainly wasn't aiming at the hole, I was just trying to make the smart play, but sometimes when you're playing great, those things kind of work out. And the wind came up at the right time, blew it over there a couple feet. And then I make a 40-footer on 18, which

shouldn't happen.

So just kind of one of those days where you get things going and good things happen. You know, luckily -- it's been a while since I've kind of had a day like today, so it was nice. It kind of lifts your spirits a little bit. Kind of, you know, makes you look forward to playing again really soon here in two weeks.