

ROUND 3 INTERVIEW
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SKIP KENDALL (+2)

Q. Skip, just wrapped your first event in quite a while. Just your assessment of the week?

SKIP KENDALL: Really happy to be playing again. You know, certainly didn't come here and do what I wanted to do, but it was a lot of fun. I'm just super thrilled that Steve and Nate Pokrass and all the guys on the committee want me here. It was nice, it was nice, it was great. Wish I could have played a little better, but it was a great week.

Q. At the same time, with all the things you've been working on, is there still a little bit of getting used to that part and getting used to competition again?

SKIP KENDALL: Well, I think so. I felt good coming here. I really felt like I was ready to go. Even though I haven't played in a long time, I really felt like I was ready to go. In that respect it's disappointing to do what I did. Just wasn't sharp today, especially iron play. Made a bunch of birdies, so that's always a good sign. Hopefully I can parlay that into a better U.S. Senior Open here in about three weeks or so.

Q. That's Omaha?

SKIP KENDALL: Yes.

Q. And beyond that, what does competition look like?

SKIP KENDALL: I have no idea. Competition doesn't look real strong right now, but I just don't know exactly what the future holds as far as that's concerned. I'm really up in the air, so I really don't know.

Q. But in a given week, I mean, how busy are you with lessons? How busy are you reaching out to the people you're working with? That's got to be a 40-hour a week thing there, too.

SKIP KENDALL: Yeah, it's a lot of work, but I enjoy it. It's great, no complaints at all. Right now a lot of kids are on the road playing summertime, so when I'm home it's not quite as busy right now so it affords me a little time to get some practice in myself. But I'll start right back up Tuesday. Going home tomorrow and start right back up Tuesday because I've been gone for a week.

Q. But suffice to say you would never go through a Q-School again, but if you play well enough in the events you do get in, you might entertain trying to play again?

SKIP KENDALL: I mean, maybe. We'll just see kind of how it unfolds. Right now the only one I'm playing in is the U.S. Senior Open, so I just, I don't know what's going to happen exactly. I feel like I'm playing better overall, just obviously the scoring wasn't there this week. We'll see what happens.

I mean, Q-School, slim chance, but you never know. I would never rule anything out, but again, it's not my goal to really play out here full time again. But again, gosh, if I start playing a lot better and scoring better than obviously what I did this week, you never know. I feel like it's right there, I really do. It's just, you know, got to do it. Didn't get it done.

Q. But like you say, you made a ton of birdies, but then like that stretch on the back nine, birdie, bogey, birdie, bogey.

SKIP KENDALL: Yeah, front nine really killed me the most this week. I was over par on the front nine pretty good. Front nine just for whatever reason eats my lunch, but I just played a little bit better on the back. But greens got firm out there and just didn't execute what I should have been doing as well as I could have. Short-sided myself a couple of times, and wind was a little tricky, too. Even on 17, hit it on the back of the green, got 60 feet coming back up and over the hill and down to the hole and blow that one 12 feet by and three-putt. So not easy.

Q. (In progress) see the event grow and come back after last year's absence?

SKIP KENDALL: Well, I thought this was great. Obviously after a year of what happened last year with COVID and everything, I think this year was great. I'm sure there's going to be more and more fans out here in the future. I know they held it at like 7,500. I'm sure there will be more people out in the future. I think it's just going to grow and grow and get bigger and better. It's a great event. It's one of the best we play in. It's a great event at a great venue and a great place. I'm a little biased there.