

**ROUND 2 INTERVIEW**  
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**STEVE FLESCH ( -13)**



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**Q. Steve Flesch here with us, leader of the day, leading by three. Will you talk about your round a little bit?**

**STEVE FLESCH:** You know, I did a lot of the same stuff as yesterday. I didn't get off to a quick start, I parred the first five, but then when I got to six, I made a nice birdie and played another great back nine today. I've just been kind of playing this week like I have the last I guess two months. I'm not hitting shots I don't feel comfortable hitting. I'm just kind of, I hate the term "playing within myself," but I'm just hitting shots I know I can pull off and I'm not taking unnecessary chances. It's kind of how I'm playing. And the putter's hot, so I just want to get the ball on the green and give myself a chance to run it in. That's kind of the game plan and that will be the plan tomorrow. It's working, so I'm going to stick with it.

**Q. You mentioned that you were going to be more aggressive or continue to be aggressive. Were you aggressive today?**

**STEVE FLESCH:** No, no, no, I was saying I'm not that kind of a player. I play aggressively where I can, but I'm not the guy who's aiming at every pin. Never have been and just not in my nature. I pick my spots, I try and take advantage of the par 5s and I just kind of rely on my iron play to give myself, my putter, some chances to make some putts. And the iron play's been good this week. Scrambled, got a few balls up and down that I needed to, so I'm happy with -- really happy with how I'm driving the ball, too. It's all kind of clicking, but I'm just going to stick with what I've got going.

**Q. You're leading a whole bunch of good players.**

**STEVE FLESCH:** Yeah, kind of like every week I guess out here. There's a bunch here, yeah.

**Q. You're going to follow a similar pattern playing your game, but do you watch the board?**

**STEVE FLESCH:** I do. I mean, I pay attention, especially with the last few I'll kind of know. I think you always have a sense what's going on. I kind of look middle of the round, see if anybody's kind of lighting it up out there, but I think you always kind of know from the fans kind of where you are. I pay attention, always have, but I don't plan on doing anything differently. You've got to pick your spots, pick your way of playing each hole that gives you the best chance to make a birdie and when you kind of start throwing that strategy out the window, that's when you kind of get uncomfortable. I'll keep playing the way I know how and hopefully it will be good enough tomorrow.

**Q. I saw your daughter run up to you after. Is it cool to have both your son and daughter out here?**

**STEVE FLESCHE:** It is. They flew in Thursday night. They're on fall break from University of Kentucky. She actually ran up to me and told me what time dinner reservations were. That's her job like when she's out, she always finds these great dinner spots. Last night she found a nice place called Toast, which was really good, and tonight Havana-something, so we'll see.