



**STEVE FLESCH (-7)**

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**Q. Here with Steve Flesch. Can you just open with your thoughts on today's round?**

**STEVE FLESCH:** You know, hit a lot of good shots, got away with a few scratchy ones. Putted great and got the ball up and down all but one time, so I had a great day out there. But the putting was better than normal and I was rewarded with a lot of good looks for birdie and capitalized on them.

**Q. Can you take us through the eagle on 11?**

**STEVE FLESCH:** Yeah. I had a favorable wind off the right off the tee ball and hit a good drive out there. Had 280 to the hole and just went at it with a 3-wood. Pulled it right of the green, but fortunately it didn't stay in the fairway, it got in the rough where I could get underneath of the lie a little bit and just kind of flicked it up there. Came out perfect, hit soft and trickled in. Jay Haas said it was great speed when it went in the hole. Stuff like that happens when you're playing a good round, so I was fortunate to have that one.

**Q. You won in May and had a good week last week. What's been the key to your good play the last month or two?**

**STEVE FLESCH:** I've been putting well and I've been scrambling very well. Hitting it okay, driving it fair, but my iron game's been I call it scratchy. I know you shoot 7 under, you think you've got to be doing some good things, but a lot of good wedges, converted a lot of the birdie opportunities and that's kind of what I did in Atlanta as well.

**Q. Do certain courses set up better for left-handers, and how does this one?**

**STEVE FLESCH:** Well, they do if the holes go right to left. Atlanta, for some reason Sugarloaf always sets up well for me, a lot of right-to-left tee balls and I feel very comfortable especially around the back nine there. Similar here. A few uncomfortable tee shots for me out there, but I usually hit 3-wood on holes that have to go left to right, which I do on I think it's 12, 13, 14.

I played well here the final round last year, I think I shot maybe 8 or 9 under the last round, so I've got a nice streak going. Again, I got up and down when I had to today and I putted great and that usually will translate into a good score.

**Q. Do you turn it over with a 3-wood?**

**STEVE FLESCH:** It's more just straight. I don't really try to hook it. I hooked it my whole

PGA Tour career and lived week to week with my ball-striking, so somehow doing television for a few years I figured out it was a lot less stressful to play right to left for a left-hander. I kind of went to that and I drive it much better that way.

**Q. Do you kind of feel Miguel was kind of catching fire pushing you on those last few holes?**

**STEVE FLESCH:** A little bit. He's fun to play with because he's very animated, especially when he hits a shot that he doesn't like. I don't know what he's saying, but it's funny to listen to. Yeah, we both played pretty well. He hit the ball great today, capitalized on the opportunities when he got them coming in. I felt like I was playing great, but he played a sneaky 66 out there because it didn't look stressful.

**Q. What do you like most about Steve's tournament here in Madison?**

**STEVE FLESCH:** You know, I've always putted well here. I mean, not necessarily the golf course here, it fits my game I think quite a bit. You know, Steve and I played college golf against each other at Illinois. When he was at Illinois, I was at Kentucky, so we always were paired together a lot when we played our district and regional tournaments. We played together two of the last three rounds last week, so Steve's easy to play with, and I'm glad he's the host of this event for us and I think we're all glad that we're in Madison, Wisconsin, for sure.

**Q. Can you refresh our memory on the Milwaukee Open? Did you have success there at Brown Deer Park?**

**STEVE FLESCH:** I played really poorly there every year.

**Q. Sorry to bring it up.**

**STEVE FLESCH:** No, it was always a struggle for me to play well there, I don't know why. I think it was narrow and I never particularly drove the ball well there, but I was always kind of scratching and clawing to make the cut at Brown Deer. But having said that, I love the golf course. I was always wondering if this tournament would move there, but I know Steve's here, but that would be a great course for one of our events.

**Q. The places you played on the regular Tour, the places you play here, this area, how does it compare in terms of where it ranks on your list and how you like the vibe in Wisconsin?**

**STEVE FLESCH:** Well, I'm from the greater Cincinnati area, northern Kentucky, so it's kind of that Midwest feel. Madison has that kind of a feel for a similar kind of city. It's just nice people. Not saying people in other parts of the country aren't nice, but Midwestern people, I'm very fond of them because I'm familiar with them. I think Midwestern people are very friendly and easy to be around and they put up with how I drive on the expressway.

**Q. Fast?**

**STEVE FLESCHE:** I'm a little fast. Not intentionally. I daydream a little bit, so don't drive around me on the expressway.

**Q. You got a rental car?**

**STEVE FLESCHE:** I've got a courtesy car. Hope they've got it insured.

**Q. What kind of car did they give you?**

**STEVE FLESCHE:** I think it's an Audi of some sort. It's a little too fast.