

**ROUND 1 INTERVIEW**  
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**SKIP KENDALL (-1)**

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**Q. Skip, how's it feel just to be back in the state playing?**

**SKIP KENDALL:** It feels great. Always. I know these guys. I mean, I've known these guys for 35 years, 40 years maybe. Actually, probably more than that at least. It feels great. I always love coming back here and playing, my home state. It feels great. Wish I could have played a little better today, kind of clanked it around, but, you know, salvaged, got it under par so hopefully a little better tomorrow.

**Q. How much did the birdie on 18 help kind of --**

**SKIP KENDALL:** Yeah, that was nice, that was nice. I three-putted 7 and 8, so that was unfortunate. Really rolled it nicely all day actually, so kind of a bummer. They were long-range putts, but still got to hit it a little better though. That's the thing, I know I can, so hopefully that will happen tomorrow.

**Q. Who's the caddie and how hard is it to get a caddie for a one-off for a week?**

**SKIP KENDALL:** It's actually a little easier than you think. The caddie that's caddying for me is Kyle Kolenda. He usually caddied for Kent Jones. Jonesy didn't quite get in, I think he was like first or second alternate, maybe third alternate, something like that, so Kyle kind of took over for me this week.

**Q. You've only played in one competitive tournament this year, Florida Senior Open?**

**SKIP KENDALL:** Yeah, yeah. Well, actually I played the tour event in Puerto Rico, but that was I found out Wednesday afternoon and flew there and just played a couple rounds, that was about it. Anyway, that was fun. Yeah, really the Florida Senior Open was really the competitive tournament that I played in.

**Q. How tough is it when you haven't really played to come out here and compete with these guys on this stage?**

**SKIP KENDALL:** It's not easy. You just haven't played that many competitive rounds. I was talking to a friend of mine and I just said I've done this enough, it's not that big a deal, it's riding that bike. The old saying, got to get right back up on that horse and get 'er going. I felt comfortable out there, I just didn't hit it as well as I would have liked to with the irons. I drove it fine. Need to hit it a little better with the irons into greens and give myself a few better opportunities, a few better looks.

**Q. Are you still teaching in Florida?**

**SKIP KENDALL:** I am, yes.

**Q. How's that going?**

**SKIP KENDALL:** It's going great. Yeah, the coaching side is going really well. I have some really nice players, really enjoy it. I'm home a little bit more, although I feel like playing a little bit, so I'd like to get out here just a little bit more than I am.

**Q. On the course do you find yourself thinking as a coach or more as a golfer?**

**SKIP KENDALL:** No, as a player. That will never change. I think the one thing about coaching is that it reaffirms what kind of you should be doing. In a way it helps my game, I think. You just, it's kind of "do as I say" kind of deal. It's what I'm teaching, so I better abide by that.

**Q. Do you still draw a gallery out here that knows your connection to the state?**

**SKIP KENDALL:** Not as much as I would probably if it was in Milwaukee, because I'm from Milwaukee. So Madison, this is almost like a different state for me, although I'm in the same state. It feels great to me, don't get me wrong, but I think this is Steve and Jerry land.