

**MEMORIAL HEALTH CHAMPIONSHIP**  
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**PAUL HALEY II (-27)**

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**PAUL HALEY II:** It feels great. Obviously it's been a long time, but I've been really close here these last four years, so very excited to get it done today. It was kind of just my time today. The two guys I played with, they played well, they just kind of didn't get anything going their way early. And I made two 30-footers on the first two holes, which really -- I don't know, that's a pretty good boost. Then the last nine holes I just kind of held on, hit a lot of good shots and thankfully it wasn't too stressful coming down 18, so that was nice.

**Q. What is that feeling like when you know you've essentially got the tournament in the bag walking up 18?**

**PAUL HALEY II:** Yeah, I mean, it's a good feeling. At the same time it's like you watch these guys on TV and they have three putts to win or whatever and all that's going through your mind is somehow don't screw this up. It felt really good. The second I hit my second shot on the green here, I knew it was over. I was really happy and couldn't wait to get out of here.

**Q. Your first win in a decade. How's it feel to finally get back on top?**

**PAUL HALEY II:** It feels good. It's really hard to win, especially now just because everybody is really good now. I don't know what second or third place was, but probably 23, 22 under. You just have to be pretty much dialed in for four days to win a golf tournament now, which is -- makes it feel better when you do it, so really excited.

**Q. Next year is the PGA Tour, just now you finally secure your membership. How does that feel?**

**PAUL HALEY II:** Yeah, that feels amazing. I'm getting married in December and this is -- I mean, this last year has been amazing for that to happen for me this year before I get married to Katie. Ecstatic.

**Q. Does Katie know you just won? Is she here?**

**PAUL HALEY II:** I'm sure she does. She grinds on my scores a lot, so yeah, I'm sure she does.

**Q. Have you ever shot 27 under over four days?**

**PAUL HALEY II:** Nope, not even close I don't think. I think I shot 20 a couple times, but 27 is -- I don't know what happened, to be honest with you. I just did everything really well.

**Q. Going into the tournament knowing that there was a low score last year that won it with 27, did you game plan for trying to get birdies?**

**PAUL HALEY II:** No, I didn't. My goal for the week was to break 20 under. I figure if I did that, that would be a really good week. I just kind of got on a roll, especially yesterday. When you win a golf tournament, things go your way. Like I holed out here from 180 yards to shoot 61, that just doesn't happen ever. That's kind of what it took it seems like. Just really happy.

**Q. Springfield loves hosting this tournament. Do the players like playing in it?**

**PAUL HALEY II:** For sure. I like it a lot, especially this year. The weather was, up until this morning, the weather was incredible all week. The course was in perfect shape. It's a good time, for sure.

**Q. Do you believe in momentum, just in carry the momentum after the eagle on the 18th hole yesterday?**

**PAUL HALEY II:** Yeah, I mean, as much as you can say yes to that, until it starts happening, I mean, I was so nervous this morning just waiting for my tee off and getting that text from the Tour that they're pushing it back an hour, pushing it back an hour. So until you get out here, it's very -- I mean, I started birdie-birdie, like I said earlier. That was about as good as you can do it, but it wasn't like I just carried the momentum. I don't know, just went my way.

**Q. Nerves were building up?**

**PAUL HALEY II:** Oh, extremely, extremely, yeah. I was extremely nervous starting off the round, just wanted to give myself a chance on the back nine. Then I looked up on 14 and I had like a four-shot lead and I almost -- it didn't make it worse, don't get me wrong, but haven't had that big of a lead in a really long time. It's just kind of don't screw it up from there. Luckily, I didn't.

**Q. I don't want to dive too far back in the past, but if you look back I think it was six, seven years ago at the low point of where --**

**PAUL HALEY II:** Yeah, yeah.

**Q. Do you look back on that? I know it's only been an hour, but the fact that you can, wow, that's where I was and now I'm back on the Tour?**

**PAUL HALEY II:** Yes, just getting my status back out here in 2018 was huge for me. My dad and Randy Smith, my swing coach, when it got really bad for me, they just did not even

second guess quitting as bad as I almost wanted to. They just said no, we're not letting you do it. So to get where I am right here talking to you guys, it's amazing and can't thank them enough.

**Q. What are you most -- I mean, that embrace when you get to see mom and dad, that's probably going to be one of the more special ones you'll probably ever have?**

**PAUL HALEY II:** Yeah, I think them, Katie. Randy Smith might be, I mean, that guy has done so much in the game of golf for different players and to see him, I bet he's just ecstatic right now. So I'm excited to see all of them, but really excited to give him a hug.