



STEVE FLESCH (-11)

Q. Steve, second win this season, third career victory on Champs, how ya feeling?

STEVE FLESCH: Great. You don't get many opportunities to win, but I got an open door when Steven gave me a chance on 18 and hit a great wedge shot in there. It ran the putt in, but it meant so much more to me because every pro wants to win at Pebble Beach and it was just a lot of fun. I hung in there all day, I got off to a great start, but winning at Pebble Beach I think is every professional golfer's dream.

Q. Take me through those emotions. I saw that fist pump on the last one as soon as you knew it was going in, just in your mind were you like, I got this now?

STEVE FLESCH: Well, kind of because I got off to such a great start, but then kind of lost it a little bit in the middle of the back nine and struggled a little bit, but I hung in there and made a couple good up-and-downs. That's just how the game of golf is at this level, you can't give up. And I'm never that guy, but I get frustrated out there and to have an opportunity, I just was glad I took it on 18.

Q. Absolutely. And then just take me through the tournament in general, getting to play with these juniors and The First Tee experience and what PURE's done, you know, 19 years with the Champs.

STEVE FLESCH: Yeah, PURE Insurance has been a fantastic sponsor for us and I know everybody on the PGA Tour appreciates their steadfastness, staying with us and they put on such a great event for us. But The First Tee kids, playing with them's a lot of fun and I think in my four years out here the level of golf has just gotten so much better.

But that's not even the most important. The kids are great kids and they all have a bright future, and I think they understand a little bit more about life and what it takes to kind of succeed. Hey, if we can help them understand that you've got to work hard and stay in school and just be persistent, I think that's one of the greatest lessons we can give these juniors because they all have great heads on their shoulders and they're so much farther ahead of when I feel like I was their age. So kudos to them and it's a lot of fun to share a week with them.

Q. Steve, would you say the key to your round today was patience?

STEVE FLESCH: I don't have any patience.

Q. I know.

STEVE FLESCH: Today I had -- I kind of started out today with a nothing-to-lose attitude. I've had a good year, albeit not a lot of top-10s like last year, I kind of was rattling them off and playing great. This year's kind of been a little bit of a rollercoaster. I just hung in there, especially in the middle of the back nine. It was easy for me to get down on myself or give the lead away to Steven because I know it wasn't going to be easy to beat Steven coming in on the last few holes at Pebble Beach.

I did hang in there. I think at 55 I'm still learning how to be more patient playing this game, but today's just a lesson in persevering and just hanging in there and that's really all I did. I was almost shocked when I had a chance to win because I fully expected that I had to birdie the last hole just to maybe get into a playoff if Steven didn't make birdie. Kind of took advantage of the opportunity when it presented itself.

But it's a lot of fun and having a chance to birdie 18 to win at Pebble Beach is a dream come true.

Q. What does it mean at 55 to get this one here? Is that the cherry?

STEVE FLESCH: It's -- it's just one of those things, it's like you envision people winning at Augusta, you envision people winning at Pebble Beach. There's been so much history around this great golf course that winning at Pebble Beach is just one of those places you always want to be a champion. To have an opportunity to do it today means so much. You know, even though we are over 50 and we're still playing good golf, these guys are good and it's hard to win. To win at Pebble Beach just makes it all the more special.

Q. This gets you into the top-10 right now in the Schwab Cup standings. Was that one of the goals at the beginning of the year?

STEVE FLESCH: No, it's that top-5 because the top-5 is where the extra dough is. You know, better position than I was last year I think at this point, which, you know, I want to keep improving. As you say, at 55 you don't really know how much longer you're going to be able to play this game as long as you stay healthy. I feel healthy, I don't feel 55, but I know the clock ticks out here a little quicker than it does when you're on the PGA Tour. I just feel fortunate, I'm happy as can be and I didn't really fully expect to win this week, but that's the beauty of the game, you never know when it's going to present itself.

Q. Have you (inaudible) after the win?

STEVE FLESCH: My kids text me, they're so supportive. It's kind of been a rollercoaster ride the last couple years with injuries and other stuff going on. They're great and they're my support system, along with Rachel. We've been together a year this week, so this week was our anniversary here. It's just fun.

It's always fun to win. I don't care what anybody says like how difficult it is because when it's

all said and done, you know, it's the feeling that you get inside that you've accomplished something. In this game, you never know how many chances you're going to get, so just glad I got another one.