



**Q. Stephen Ames, thanks for joining us. Six under matches the low round of the day. What was working out there today?**

**STEPHEN AMES:** A bit of everything. Hit the ball nicely and my putter got a little hot a couple holes, which is nice. I mean, that's the majority of the round. Didn't do anything foolish, kept the ball in play. Made it quite simple, easy, which is nice. Like those 65s.

**Q. What is it about this track that you do like?**

**STEPHEN AMES:** I don't know what it is. Probably be the grass, bermudagrass, you know. I'm used to that growing up in that. And then of course usually when we come to Phoenix it's really nice, you know. Considering yesterday was a bit cold and wet, but I think the rest of the weekend's supposed to be beautiful.

**Q. And then you mentioned the greens, everyone talks about how perfect shape they are. Is that what you saw out there?**

**STEPHEN AMES:** They usually are, yeah, without a doubt. I know the fairways are a bit rough this year, hence why we're playing it up, I guess, but I think overall the golf course is in good shape. The greens are fantastic and you hit the ball online, you're going to make a lot of putts out here.

**Q. Fifty-four holes to go, what have you got to do to keep in contention?**

**STEPHEN AMES:** Get a lot of rest. It's been a long year, I know we're all tired out here. Just got to be patient, conserve your energy. For me, I just completely stopped drinking this week, so I can't really enjoy the weekend unfortunately. Al's really pissed at me because I can't buy him a beer now.

**Q. Do you prefer 72-hole or 54-hole events?**

**STEPHEN AMES:** It's hard because you kind of condition yourself to 72 so you will set your schedule according to that. When it's 54, yeah, it's a bit different. You can kind of add on a couple more that you wouldn't if it was 72. But it's difficult, it's a long year when we're walking and playing 54 holes.

**Q. What would a victory here mean for your year?**

**STEPHEN AMES:** Obviously a lot. I've had a -- this is my most successful year on this tour



and a victory would just add icing to the cake.

