



Q. What's been the most pleasing or satisfying through the first two rounds?

KEVIN STREELMAN: Yeah, I was pretty frustrated the last two weeks. I played poorly in Mexico and Houston and it was so cold Saturday morning finishing off, I got on a plane at noon and got to Naples to see my old coach, Dr. Jim Suttie, and spent a day and a half with him down there. Just got a few ideas. He gives me the same lesson for the last 30 years.

He gave me some cool things to think about, got up here and started feeling good. Rob Rashell's here and he's been awesome. Saw something in my putting that clicked. I was kind of aiming the putter a little left, so just my eyes just kind of aligning them, something kind of clicked with that and I've been putting awesome.

Q. What's a frustrated Ken Strelman look like?

KEVIN STREELMAN: You know, I get over it quicker than I used to, but yeah, I might have a cocktail instead of a beer or something like that. Not too crazy, not too crazy.

Q. Sixteen of 18 greens in regulation.

KEVIN STREELMAN: Oh, really.

Q. You're surprised? Well, you missed 9.

KEVIN STREELMAN: And the wind turned on us, too. It was the darn wind.

Yeah, I've been hitting it awesome. That's what you have to do around here. You kind of do what you're supposed to, you can score. There's obviously some crazy penal areas that you've got to stay away from, but today I was able to drive it great and control my irons and putted nice.

Q. You talked about the struggles you've had the last two weeks. When I tell you 17 for 18, that's legitimate surprising?

KEVIN STREELMAN: Yeah, that's strong ball-striking around here, for sure.

Also, Mexico's one of my favorite weeks. Houston, let's face it, that's a bomber's golf course. For me that's tough to compete hitting 4- and 5-irons all day on those par 4s. Things happen for a reason and I was happy to make this cut before the season ends. We got a fun family vacation next week so I feel free to just go attack, nothing to lose.



Q. Joel joked about you giving advice. You guys both work with Rob. What have you seen in his game maybe this fall? And he talked about playing with fear, his exemption is up.

KEVIN STREELMAN: Yeah, he needs to let that junk go. You've got week by week here and you've just got to attack. That's what I tell these kids.

I look back at my career and I've been blessed to learn from some big failures and some great things happened because of those failures, but if you're not learning, you're -- you can be out of here pretty quick. So I've always enjoyed that part of it. Like I enjoy those valleys because you know on the other side of it, you're going to be OK and you're going to be strong because of it.

But like when you have a chance to do something great out here, you've got to go for it. It's tough at times because we play for a lot of money and there's a lot of FedEx points and you're like maybe a second place, a third place isn't that bad. I tell the kids like me, 420 events into my career, you don't remember like the third places, the fifth -- like you remember the wins or you remember the losses and when you were in the hunt. That's what we live for, that's what we live for as athletes. I just encourage them when you've got a chance, you fricking go for it and see what happens and be OK with it at the end.

Q. Joel just said something about playing with fear actually. Have you ever played with fear?

KEVIN STREELMAN: Golf is a game where there's a lot of fear out there. Clearly, if your golf swing doesn't feel good, your putting stroke doesn't feel good, it's the same emotion scientifically. Fear as is excitement as in adrenaline, it's kind of the same thing so it's kind of how you channel it.

I've always been one to like really try and pick out what I'm doing behind a shot but as soon as you walk in and like put the club down, you've got to like trust all that data you put in. I feel like it's a computer; you're dialing everything in, you walk in, but as soon as you walk in, you're hitting enter and you've got to just let it go and let it fly.

That was a great moment. I won Tampa in 13. I had a two-shot lead and I look at my caddie, A.J. at the time, I was like, I could hit 5-wood and keep it short of the bunkers, bogey wins this tournament. And he looks at me, I hadn't missed a fairway all day and he goes, you rip that F driver down the fairway. I got up and pummeled this thing, flipped a wedge on and won the tournament.

It's a fine line between that confidence and fear. Sometimes we need help with it, sometimes it just comes. Obviously the great ones were able to kind of bring that out themselves, but I think part of it's experience and part of it's your purpose and part of it's what you're doing it for that week. But it can change week to week. A quick shock can change our confidence



levels quickly whether you're a beginning golfer or someone at our level. But you don't tend to be playing weekends too long if you're playing with too much fear.

Q. What will going for the win look like for you this weekend?

KEVIN STREELMAN: It doesn't mean much until you get through tomorrow. I can't -- can't really think about it until the back nine on Sunday. Got to do my best.

There's been times when I have thought about that, then you screw up and all of a sudden you're in 45th place going into Sunday. Got to keep the head down and keep doing what I've been doing and the same drills I've been doing and the same...

Like I said, it's got to get through tomorrow. Hopefully I have a really solid day and have a chance on Sunday. Then it's like those last four, five, six holes where you're going to either -- pin's tucked left, you're either going to hit it 20 feet safe or you're going to hit a little cut in there and try to hit it to four feet and try and win. That's sometimes the mental like outlook walking into the shot and that's sometimes a difference of a championship or a fourth place finish.

Q. How hard is it to keep up with these kids?

KEVIN STREELMAN: It is challenging on a certain number of golf courses. There's enough left where I can, I feel like I can hang. Also (inaudible) matter. Their golf swings and equipment now is very high launch, low spin, like carrying it 315, 320 as you guys have seen. My generation, I try and get low spin to get some run out of it, to get some chase. If I can carry it 280 to 290 with some chase, I can hang with them.

If it's a softer golf course and you're not getting run, it is difficult because then the hard part is you start to incorporate changes to hit it farther, which then brings in like injury proneness and it also brings in deficiencies in your golf swing, which for me, like I start to fire my legs super hard, upper body tilts back, now I've got to throw the face and you kind of lose the bottom of the club, but I'm just doing it to try to hit it a farther to hang out with these guys.

Honestly, I'm having fun with it. I had a great talk with my wife, Courtney. We had a date night a few weeks ago and I was, I told her if you're ready for me to be home, like let me know, I'm ready.

She has tough times, all of our wives have tough times with our kids, an 8- and 6-year-old. I'm on the road, this next week we're gone, my fourth week in a row gone. So I'm missing, Sophie has 101 Dalmatians musical today and tomorrow I'm missing, which is killing me. But she has to get her ready for that. She has to get Rhett to football. She has to be a mom.

I said if you need help, you've given up the last 20 years of your life for me and if you're ready, I'm ready. She's like nope, I want you to be out there, you're still doing well. I said all right. While I'm out here, I'm going to do my best to be the best me I can be.



But the great thing with our sport, you can still have like a magic week. It can happen. It's like maybe not as good as I once was, but as good once as I ever was. It's like the line.

It's interesting talking with like Larry Fitzgerald when I play at Pebble, ask him the same question and he's like, I knew. He knew. It's like a very fine line. He lost a little bit of a step and wasn't as fast as the younger guys and it was over.

But it's not quite that way with us. Unless some of us want it to be that way, I think, it's just not because one magical putting week and ball-striking week can change everything. Then you go back to chasing it again after that. Crazy dumb sport golf is at times.

