

**STEPHEN AMES (-19)**

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**Q. Stephen, congratulations. How special is this one for you?**

**STEPHEN AMES:** Yeah, pretty special obviously because of -- well, a couple. Second one here in Atlanta, my second for the year and also the fact that Ryan was on the bag with me. Yeah, a lot of special things happened this week, which is nice.

**Q. Talk about the last putt on the last hole.**

**STEPHEN AMES:** A bonus. I mean, we stood up on the tee there for about maybe 10 minutes waiting for the group in front of us, so I kind of lost my rhythm a little bit there. It went into the high bush, only just, so I just took the unplayable considering I had five shots coming on the end. It was a bonus altogether, so I just played it smart, came home and made a nice little 30-footer on the last hole for par. It worked out.

**Q. Do you sneak in here and play some rounds, because you've played some pretty good golf here?**

**STEPHEN AMES:** No, I do not sneak in here and play rounds at all.

**Q. What is about this course that you really --**

**STEPHEN AMES:** To be honest, it is in some respects a ball-striker's golf course. Your iron play has to be pretty good getting on the right levels of the greens, the right side of the pins. The Pines is a little different compared to the other side that we play, Meadows and Stables I think it is. Stables is the one that was closed this year. But I think overall Greg did a good job in the designing of the golf course.

From my recollection in the past when the Tour was here on a regular basis, it was April, cold, wet and miserable. So being in this kind of condition here actually kind of puts icing on the cake in the respect of how good of a golf course that it is.

**Q. Only one bogey all week.**

**STEPHEN AMES:** Thanks for reminding me. Oh, my God.

**Q. When's the last time that that's happened?**

**STEPHEN AMES:** And you know what that was? A foot-and-a-half putt, how about that? That's pretty bad, yeah.



Thank you. There was only one bogey, I didn't know that. Yeah, that's pretty solid. I think the main stat that I was looking at all week was how many fairways and how many greens did I hit all week.

**Q. I think No. 1.**

**STEPHEN AMES:** I think I'm No. 1 in both categories, yes. That is testament to the fact that my coach and I have been doing some good work and also my psychologist getting me free upstairs in my head to be able to play this.

**Q. Ryan says this is the best he's seen you play in person. Do you feel that way, too?**

**STEPHEN AMES:** Pretty much, yeah. Houston was pretty much close to similar. I didn't make as many putts as this week, and even then the putter, which is funny, is the club that I don't feel very confident in as the rest of the game. But I think overall the golf swing and the way I hit the golf shots, I'm very confident.

**Q. How important was the birdie at 14, because he had gotten within two shots of you?**

**STEPHEN AMES:** Yeah, I didn't know how close it got, I didn't watch the boards. Actually, we didn't see any boards, to be honest. The only board we saw was coming down 16, so that was the last time I saw. I saw he was moving up and I just said just continue playing your own game, give myself as many opportunities as I could, which I did. I made a couple, like you said, coming down. Then I made one at 17 and it became five.

**Q. Second two-time winner here. What does it mean? This is always a pretty good field.**

**STEPHEN AMES:** It is, yeah. Obviously it means a lot. The fact that I'm still winning out here at age 59 now -- did I say that -- and still be able to compete against some of the -- well, we've got some great players out here on Tour obviously, a lot of Hall of Famers.

Kudos to me keeping myself in shape and still practicing and still have a lot of drive and want to play well. This is good.

**Q. Ryan said he was trying to learn from you this week. What did he kind of --**

**STEPHEN AMES:** The funny thing is we were pretty much going through every shot and every shot what we wanted to do with it. I was just kind of giving him an inside look of how you do play golf when you're playing out here. It's not always trying to go at every flag, it's sometimes you go to the middle of the greens and take your 20-, 25-footers from there. Certain times obviously because the yardages isn't a perfect number, you have to go to that side and play away from the flags and do that. So he learned that part of it very well.



Par is good until it becomes a birdie-fest, then it's different, you go for everything. But I think overall, the way I hit it this week and made some nice putts, I think overall he kind of looked at it and went, yeah, it's not as difficult as it really looks. I did hit the ball well, but still, he saw it.

**Q. Difference between this week and Morocco?**

**STEPHEN AMES:** Wow, not much. Morocco was good ball-striking also. The last day I couldn't buy a putt, but again, I still won by five so that was a key there for me. I think if you look at both the golf courses, Morocco probably had a little more difficult greens to putt on, but shape-wise off the tee and into your second shots into the greens, pretty similar to this, yeah.

**Q. I was told you had a dream --**

**STEPHEN AMES:** I had a dream?

**Q. -- years ago (inaudible) your son on the bag?**

**STEPHEN AMES:** I've always had that, yeah, with Ryan. I actually had a dream that he was going to be a professional golfer also, so some of the dreams are coming true, which is nice.

It's a matter of patience obviously for him. He's just -- he's finally finding himself as a person, where he wants to be and what he wants to do. The only thing you can do as a parent is just say, look, you know what, I'm here to support you. You're willing to put 100 percent of your time into doing something that you love doing, go for it. I'm never going to take that opportunity away from him.

**Q. How special is it to win with him?**

**STEPHEN AMES:** Oh, this is very special. Without a doubt it's very, very special.

**Q. He said 2012 in Canada was the first time he was on your bag. Do you remember that?**

**STEPHEN AMES:** Yeah, he's done Canadian Opens and everything with me. Like I said, this is the sixth or seventh time he's caddied for me, so he knows. This week more he's understood it more with the yardage book more, the shape of the shots and all that kind of stuff, reading the greens. He got that really well. He's, yeah, he's become a good asset to the bag now. I'll call him in for relief when I need one next time.

**Q. We were asking if he got full caddie pay this week. He said it's not been determined.**



**STEPHEN AMES:** He has to talk to his step-mom, she's the CFO.

