

ROUND 3 INTERVIEW
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SKIP KENDALL (-1)

Q. Skip, how would you summarize your week here at University Ridge?

SKIP KENDALL: A blast. I haven't played since last August, so just being here, the support that I got this week, playing in front of a home crowd, there's nothing like it really.

First one of the year, you know, I played OK, just didn't score all that well. Seems to be the theme the last few years.

You know, the game is getting better, so, you know, I don't know what I'm going to play in the rest of the year, but it feels pretty good overall.

Q. Would you try to qualify for like Dick's in a couple weeks or have you stopped chasing the Mondays?

SKIP KENDALL: Yeah, pretty much stopped chasing it. There's a few I might go to. I mean, I like Dick's, I like playing En-Joie up there, I like John Karedes, they do a great job, but don't know if I'm going to go to middle of nowhere New York to try to get in. It is a great tournament, though.

Q. What other qualifiers will you do or what other type of golf will you play to stay sharp?

SKIP KENDALL: Well, I'm definitely going to go -- that's a good question. I don't know because I'm on the teaching -- I'm on the lesson tee all the time:

That being said, I'm definitely going to go to the U.S. qualifier for the British Senior at Firestone, and one of the ones that I'll always play down the stretch, I'll always go to Pebble to try to get in there because that's one of my favorite places to play anyway, so I'm sure I'll try there as well for the Monday.

Q. As a good friend of Steve's, as you were making your way around the course today and you saw his name atop the leaderboard, what's going through your mind if he is able to --

SKIP KENDALL: It's about time. You know, I mean, I know he wants this one badly so I hope he finishes off really well today. He's been playing just unbelievably great and he's due here. I know it would be very special for him to pull this one off, and it would be great for the tournament. How can you -- you can't write a better script than that. I don't think anyone would be surprised that he won, it's just this one, you know, where we're at is so important to

him, it would be pretty special.

Q. Has he spoken or have you spoken to him about this tournament and what it means to him? You guys know from the days in Milwaukee how tough it is to perform at home.

SKIP KENDALL: Sure. Not really. I mean, just like Jerry obviously winning a couple times here, we never really talked about it too much before. Don't want to put a jinx on it or anything, we just know, it's just kind of a given. Especially going back to the days in Milwaukee, we always thought someone would pull it off and win. We came close, but never quite got it done.

Q. On a broader level, Skip, with the Senior Open coming to SentryWorld, it's the last major at least currently on the books, but (inaudible) major championship, how do you view it, I guess? I don't know the last time you've been there, but also the fact that the state has another major?

SKIP KENDALL: Fantastic. I've never played there actually, I don't know much about it. I know they redid it a few years ago and it just reopened recently. I talked to Lee Janzen who I played with and he went up there Monday and played. He said it's very difficult, rough is up to his knees. He thought they might cut it a little bit before the tournament but maybe not, you never know. It's just, it's special to have major championships in this state, I think it's pretty cool. Has there ever been a Senior Open in Wisconsin?

Q. Whistling one year.

SKIP KENDALL: A senior one? Oh, that's right, OK. And that was before my time, I think.

Q. You're too young.

SKIP KENDALL: I know, too young. Missed that one, too. Anyway, it's always great to have it in the state. I mean, to showcase it and it's in Wisconsin. I think it's probably closer to Minneapolis than Milwaukee maybe. Probably have to fly into there, or here maybe. Do they even have --

Q. Central Wisconsin --

SKIP KENDALL: See, there you go. I'm not going, though. Got my seat on the couch.