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STEPHEN AMES (-19)



Q. All right, Stephen, four birdies and an eagle to finish, how sweet was that for you?

STEPHEN AMES: Yeah, it was kind of sweet, for sure. I think anybody would take that obviously. Closing like that, just kind of freewheeling it a little bit. I hit the shots that I needed to hit coming down the end and everything just clicked and everything came out the way you usually see it. Not always does it happen like that. But I guess I was in a different time zone there when I was playing the last four holes.

Q. Steven said the tournament might have been 14 --

STEPHEN AMES: Well, it did, 14 for sure. Both Miguel and Steve both missed birdie tries and I had a shot, a putt which I made. Then I hit a great drive on -- just caught the rough on 15, got it up and down on 15 for birdie. They all made birdies as well.

But I guess the closer is just the fact of I kept pushing myself as the closing holes were coming in just to keep in front, keep pedaling, keep pushing the pedal down and I did. The way I ended up finishing, I didn't expect that that, but it came out on top, which is nice.

Q. You get the eagle on 1.

STEPHEN AMES: Yeah.

Q. Did it feel to you like you were in control from there all day?

STEPHEN AMES: Too early to tell. Even up to 14 it was still a ballgame because it was only two shots still in it. I mean, when Steven missed the birdie putt on 14 and I made mine, then it went to three again. Like I said, it was still a ballgame, still had to play golf coming in. A lot of players always get themselves ahead of the game and you've got to stay in the present, which I kept telling myself.

Q. You had a couple of big par putts in the middle --

STEPHEN AMES: Yeah.

Q. -- which you made, too --

STEPHEN AMES: Yeah, of course.

Q. -- to keep it going.



STEPHEN AMES: That's just part of the game. You're going to make those to keep things going. Today's 63 was special, so it was nice.

Q. Pacific Northwest, are we keeping it at home here? You're a resident of Vancouver?

STEPHEN AMES: No, I'm not a resident, no. Resident somewhere else.

Q. Last one I've got, the fourth win of the season, how much success do you give to your swing coach for your --

STEPHEN AMES: Oh, he's -- it's not the swing coach, it's part of the whole team. It's Allen, my psychologist, Harry here, my trainer who works with Jon Rahm and Jerry Kelly. After 2020 with the COVID, you know, I injured myself and it was like, you know what, I need to get back in shape. So I called Harry and Harry says let's get the shoulder going. From there, being very regimented with my working out. I would say that was probably the biggest thing right there in the fact of being able to be very clear, very free-minded when I'm playing. That helps big time.

Q. And with that close, the 19 under ties the tournament record.

STEPHEN AMES: Oh, shit, really?

Q. Yeah.

STEPHEN AMES: And I told Alker to stand in my line. Good thing I made the putt then. OK, well, that's good. I do have a record, I didn't know.

