

STEPHEN AMES (-9)

Q. Well, Stephen, a little early birthday present for you, that round.

STEPHEN AMES: Yeah, it's a good round. Solid. I mean, yesterday I played pretty much the same way, I just didn't score very well unfortunately. Today, I scored well, got it -- well, I'm not thinking about this now. Did I have to get it up and down anytime today? No, I didn't. Just overall maybe hit it a little bit sharper than I did yesterday. But yesterday I had five birdies and an eagle, two doubles and a bogey. Actually, there were two three-putts for bogey. Overall it was good yesterday, but today was just a little tidier.

Q. Limiting mistakes?

STEPHEN AMES: Pretty much, yeah. That's definitely -- yesterday showed the three weeks off coming into this, that's for sure.

Q. You made an eagle on the last hole, No. 9 yesterday?

STEPHEN AMES: I did, yeah.

Q. What was that? I didn't see it until --

STEPHEN AMES: You know what, it was just -- it was just the round getting through. I hit a good drive right in the fairway where I needed to be and the second shot was right in between numbers and I just pulled the club. Looch wanted me to hit the other one. I was -- you know what, I'm going to stick with this one. Got up there, flushed it, OK, that's good, that's all I can do. I started -- my hands went up, I went, no, I didn't just make that. I did. Kind of added icing to the cake. It was a nice end to the day.

Q. Going to get you jump started?

STEPHEN AMES: It did. Actually almost did the same thing on the first hole, jump started my day there, too. Yeah, no, it's a nice way to finish. That's golf, you just don't know when it's going to happen. It was a bit up and down that day and then I got up and I made that 2 and hey, OK, wasn't such a bad day after all. That's golf.

Q. And the pars 3 were much better on the back nine?

STEPHEN AMES: You noticed that, so did I. Those were my two doubles. As I said, it was shabby yesterday unfortunately, but that's golf.



Q. Can you walk us through what was going on on 18?

STEPHEN AMES: As in -- yeah, I pulled my driver -- my shot?

Q. Yeah.

STEPHEN AMES: Yeah, I pulled my drive so I ended up on top. From there, even if I got it to where Stewart was, it was like, you know what, I don't think I'm going to go at that pin because there's just no room for error. You have a back bunker, you have a hard time getting it up. The only place to miss it was right. He missed it right and long and ended up in the water on the next shot. It's a tough pin to go at, to be honest, from that far back. So it was always going to be a layup for me even if -- maybe if I got to the bottom bottom, but other than that, no, I wasn't going to go at that. Didn't need to.

Q. And a near course record?

STEPHEN AMES: Correct. Still standing. I was trying to make that putt on the last hole. My wife would have been impressed if I did, that's for sure.

Q. How do you feel about where you're going to start tomorrow?

STEPHEN AMES: You know what, I was completely out of the picture yesterday. A good day, started off nicely and I continued rolling it and hit some good putts, hit some good shots, the number added up to 64. That's golf, you know. I saw Steve just made a double somewhere, so that brought everybody back a little bit. You know what, golf, tomorrow's golf, it's another round of golf, we'll see what happens. Nice to be in this position again obviously.

