

ROUND 3 INTERVIEW
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STEVE FLESCH (-16)

Q. We'll get started with Steve Flesch here. Just some overall thoughts on the day and the week.

STEVE FLESCH: It was a good day. I played all right, I just didn't -- you know, my goal was to make four birdies on the back nine. I made three kind of real quickly and I made a nice par save on 12. I have a hard time keeping the holes together. You know, I knew I probably needed to make another birdie on one of the last three and I didn't.

And man, all credit to Doug for his finish. Birdieing the last three, that's fantastic. Tough to beat. I played well this week, draw a lot of confidence, all the cliches, but you've just got to stay aggressive out there and keep making putts and I didn't do that today.

Q. Is Doug always this excited?

STEVE FLESCH: No. I get it, though. I mean, he's had a long road and there's a certain group of guys out here that like they weren't -- they're not exempt out here to begin with, so when they come out and they play great, they prove themselves a little bit. And I know that's how Doug feels, he's proven himself to everybody out here that he belongs. I get it, more power to him, he played great. He's a hell of a player, it's just his emotions, he's an emotional guy and you can see that. And that's great because sometimes I think we need more emotion in our game to get a little -- especially at our age because we're all kind of whatever. But if I won like that, I might have run around like a wild man, too.

Q. Another thing I wanted to ask you, the final round at Madison you shot 63. You said you watched old swing videos of yourself on YouTube and that kind of gave you a little adjustment. That was back in June, but are you still using that?

STEVE FLESCH: I'm still working on those, yeah. I kind of made a couple poor swings today, but that was just nerves. I hadn't had a chance to win a golf tournament in about two years. No, that's not true, South Dakota last year I finished second. I just made kind of a marginal swing on 16 and then three-putted.

But it's there. I worked hard over this last month. I'm not unhappy with second, but when you have a chance to kind of taste winning, it's a little bittersweet. I'm playing good, so maybe next week I'll win one.

Q. Did you say you had a little bit of nerves on the course?

STEVE FLESCH: Oh, I was nervous as hell with four holes left. I kind of -- I hadn't played a

golf tournament in a month, I hadn't really played great this year other than a couple low rounds kind of out of nowhere. No, I was nervous. That's why we play, to get in those positions so your nerves are racing. Maybe I'll handle it better next time.