

ROUND 3 INTERVIEW
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STEPHEN AMES (-12)

Q. So what were your thoughts coming into the tournament four down -- coming into today?

STEPHEN AMES: Seven. Seven, you mean. I guess at the beginning of the week I actually had a number in my mind that I was trying to achieve and that was 12 under. I figured if I was able to shoot 4 under each day that I figured that 12 under would be a good enough number, but I wasn't sure that the weather was going to be like this. Obviously that 12 under I achieved and everybody else kind of faltered coming in, unfortunately for those, but fortunate for me.

Q. How's it feel to get your second win on this tour?

STEPHEN AMES: It's nice. 2020 was I would say a no-show for the year with COVID and everything going on, plus I had injuries, so my year was very short. I think I only played 11 events. So I was quite happy just to get that year kind of done with and then kind of get things kickstarted back. Progressively as the year went on this year, started off, I started to play better, started to play more consistent. I had a second Atlanta and I had three other top-10s on top of that, so things were starting to shape up. It's just a matter of putting things together and obviously getting fortunate, which is what happened this week for me.

Q. What's a champion do the night before? Last night.

STEPHEN AMES: The night before, what did we do? We went to 801. We shared a steak and I had a salad and my wife had some broccolini with her steak.

Q. You didn't have a steak?

STEPHEN AMES: I had a steak, half a steak. We don't eat a whole steak. That meat's not good for you, you don't know that?

Q. What about this course fits you so well?

STEPHEN AMES: I don't think it fits anybody. It's the kind of golf course that has to grow on you. You definitely have to play it a few times to understand the nuances of it, the bounces, where to hit it when it's running: I think this week the superintendent did a fantastic job getting the golf course in the best shape I've seen it for the years that I've played it. Obviously that's due to Aaron and his staff by hiring a new superintendent getting the course to where it is. I think it's a quirky golf course. When it blows like this, it becomes even tougher. I think it was a fun day and a fun week altogether.

Q. You got a spot for that trophy somewhere at home?

STEPHEN AMES: No, I don't actually. I'm not going to say where it's going to go, it might sound bad. No, I don't leave my trophies at home.