

**DAVE SENKO:** Well, Stephen, thanks for joining us. 6 under start today and back nine 6 under.

**STEPHEN AMES:** That was 6 under on the back nine.

**DAVE SENKO:** Maybe just talk about your round and then we'll go through your back nine.

**STEPHEN AMES:** I scrambled the first nine holes really well. Didn't particularly hit the ball extremely well and a couple holes actually had to chip out sideways, put the ball on the green and make like a five- and six-footer for par. It was only like the eighth hole when things started to change a little bit. I've been suffering with a little bit of midback pain right now. The last couple weeks I've been trying to get through golfing at this stage right now because I don't feel 100 percent. But the nice thing about it that I've -- this is my second time playing here and I loved the golf course the first time that I played it. Back again and I'm enjoying the weather and obviously the condition of the golf course that we're playing on so it's fun to be here.

**DAVE SENKO:** Birdie on No. 10.

**STEPHEN AMES:** Yeah, I hit 5-wood, wedge. Hit the top of the hill and spun back down to the bottom. Was like a 35-footer, made that. Bogeyed 11.

**DAVE SENKO:** What happened there?

**STEPHEN AMES:** Another bad swing, made bogey. 13's the par 3, right? Hit 7-iron middle of the green, sank like a 20-footer. 14, I played it the chicken way out right, lob wedge on to about six feet, made that. 15 I hit a huge drive down there. I only had 250 to the hole. Pin was all the way in the back left, hit 5-wood right in the middle of the green and then I sank another 35-footer. It was fun.

Then next hole, 3-wood, wedge to about two feet. 17 I hit 5-iron middle of the green, missed about a 15-footer. And then 18 I hit a nice big drive again. I only had 3-iron in. Hit it to about six feet and missed, my first putt that I missed on the back nine for eagle. I was trying to match Jay Don Blake who had two eagles today on the front nine. I figured if I can make eagle on the last hole I'll tie him. But it was fun. Everybody in the group played well. Jay Don was 5 under and Woodie was 4 under himself. So we had a nice group, we were kind of scratching off of each other. I was definitely the underdog after the first nine holes because they were both 4 and 3 under and I was only level so I was just trying to get it under par at this stage and all of a sudden things started clicking, which is what golf's about.

**Q. What's it like being in a group with other guys that are playing well?**

**STEPHEN AMES:** It's nice. If you don't let your game frustrate you and you're watching them play, I guess sometimes it rubs off, which is in some respects I did do that a little bit. Instead of beating myself up, I said well, let's just watch some good golf, forget about mine.

**Q. You grew up in Trinidad, right?**

**STEPHEN AMES:** Yeah.

**Q. Are there a lot of golf courses there?**

**STEPHEN AMES:** There are a few, yeah. Not a lot, no. That's why I left. (Laughs.)

**Q. How did you end up in Vancouver?**

**STEPHEN AMES:** I actually lived in Calgary for 23 years. I was married, living in Calgary. Now separated, moved to Vancouver.

**Q. How do you like this area?**

**STEPHEN AMES:** This area? The northwest, yeah, it's beautiful, except for winter obviously.

**Q. This is almost like a home --**

**STEPHEN AMES:** It is. I drove down, it was only a two-and-a-half hour drive. It was perfect, yeah. Beautiful drive. No, I love it here, it's a beautiful part of the world this time of the year.

**Q. You live in Vancouver?**

**STEPHEN AMES:** I live in downtown Vancouver, downtown Vancouver, yeah.

**Q. You've yet to win on this tour?**

**STEPHEN AMES:** Correct. You have to play a full schedule. I think I've only averaged 17 for two years now.

**Q. What would it mean to win?**

**STEPHEN AMES:** Obviously a lot. At this stage right now, for a lot of guys out here this is like icing on their cake. They've had such great careers. Obviously Langer's an example, Colin, David. All these guys have all had great careers. I've had a mediocre career coming from Trinidad. I'm very fortunate to be able to be playing out here. I'm loving the fact that we have three rounds of golf, there's no cut and we go out and we have a great time at night

and enjoying life. I'm playing golf during the day, what a rough job. I'm not complaining at all. For me we're -- I'm still working at the game hard, still doing fitness, eating properly and everything else. But it's still very competitive out here and guys are still playing some good golf, which is nice to see, too.

**Q. Do you have any family and friends down here?**

**STEPHEN AMES:** No, I've just got a girlfriend, and her parents are coming down this weekend.

**Q. So your first year you were eligible you were still playing a lot on the PGA Tour before you turned 50, right?**

**STEPHEN AMES:** Yeah, I was. I only played six events in the first year.

**Q. And you finally decided to do this full time?**

**STEPHEN AMES:** Yeah. Four and a half hours is a lot more fun than five and a half hours playing on the PGA Tour. You can write that because I hated it. The last five years I was like this is not fun, it's ridiculously slow. Unfortunate.

**Q. Dave, who was the amateur from Canada who led this after two rounds a couple years ago?**

**DAVE SENKO:** It was Ray Stewart.

**STEPHEN AMES:** Ray Stewart. Yeah, I know Ray Stewart, yeah. He turned back amateur, didn't he, because he was a pro. He played the Dunhill Cup for Canada. I believe they won it with him on the team if I'm not mistaken. Ray Stewart.

**DAVE SENKO:** He was leading after two rounds.

**STEPHEN AMES:** Was he really?

**Q. He was leading through 16 on the final day. Doubled 17.**

**STEPHEN AMES:** Yeah, good player. I remember real nice player, nice swing of the club.