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STEPHEN AMES

Q. Stephen, congratulations, back-to-back wins here at the Boeing Classic. How special is this one for you?

STEPHEN AMES: Obviously very special. I think any win is special at this stage of our careers. Today was unexpected because I was seven back going into the day and I didn't expect everybody else to falter like they did coming in. That's golf, that does happen and I took advantage of it and made it happen. It was a nice win.

Q. What was just going through your head? I know a typical four-foot putt to end it off.

STEPHEN AMES: It wasn't that long, it was two and a half.

Q. What was going through your head there?

STEPHEN AMES: Just the fact of making sure I hit a good first putt so I wouldn't have too much of a long one. That was my goal, to get it somewhere inside of three feet, which I did. At the end there trying to make the putt, obviously I was just going through my routine and my process and sticking to that, not thinking about any outcome or anything like that. I hit a very good putt, I was very happy with the way I was able to control that.

Q. And then handing in your scorecard just standing by the tent --

STEPHEN AMES: Well, I had to wait for Robert Karlsson who had an opportunity to make an eagle.

Q. Exactly. So just watching that on --

STEPHEN AMES: Of course, that's all part of the process. You're waiting to see if it's going to happen or not. When he did miss the putt, then I did realize that I had won, so it was nice, yeah.

Q. Guessing you like this tournament?

STEPHEN AMES: Well, it's close to home where I used to live in Vancouver. Then I've got my whole extended family here down this weekend, and both boys live in Vancouver so they came down, my wife is from Vancouver. So it was a family, it was 10 of us this week so we had a lot of fun. It's been a lot of fun, it's always been like this every week that we play here.

Q. Back to back though, what is it about this course and more important, like the back nine?

STEPHEN AMES: I don't know what it is about the golf course, I guess the fact is that it plays in my eye very nicely. You have to shape your ball off the tee. It gives you shots that you need to play and hit. The greens, I've always been a terrible poa annua putter, now all of a sudden I'm a great poa annua putter, so I have no clue how that's happened. I think overall it's a very comfortable, relaxed kind of week. The weather always seems to be beautiful when I win. I'm just kidding. I don't know what it is. I think just overall it's just a fun event. Look at the views that we're looking at here right now, that's kind of hard to not get lost at what we're looking at and playing on.

Q. What's the mindset when you're down that far coming into a Sunday?

STEPHEN AMES: I didn't have one, I just went out and played the best that I could play, hit the shots that I needed to hit. I bogey 8 not thinking that I would bogey 8 and I did. It was like, OK, I'm just going to continue playing. Then everything got a little tighter and tighter. All of a sudden it was like I realized I actually went to a different level of focus and that kind of kickstarted me. I was like OK, hey, this is nice. And it was a nice battle, I enjoyed the battle coming down the end with Ernie. Ended up with me winning fortunately, but I think overall it was a nice battle and I enjoyed that very much.

Q. You talked about the battle. How fun was it just competing in that group?

STEPHEN AMES: Obviously, without a doubt. It's a lot of fun. You're playing against a Hall of Famer, Ernie Els, a good player, renowned player, won four majors in his lifetime, obviously numerous events around the world. Yeah, it was going to be a nice epic can battle and it was, it was beautiful.

Q. Lastly, what's the mindset the rest of the way now?

STEPHEN AMES: Good question. I'm still taking September off, I know that. I'm not worried about the rest of it. I'm just going to stick with my schedule and see what happens.