

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
February 9, 2018



STEVE FLESCH (-5)

Q. What did you hit in there?

STEVE FLESCH: A hybrid. I pulled my drive right through the corner of the tree on the dogleg, and luckily it didn't go out of bounds. I had 230 in and I hit a hybrid in there three feet. I was just trying to make 4 and somehow I turned 6 into 3, so it was a nice finish.

Q. Talk about the round. Was six birdies?

STEVE FLESCH: Yeah, pretty solid round. I played the par 5s poorly. I had 7-iron into 18 and I hit 6-iron into 1, back-to-back par 5s and didn't birdie either one of them. Hit some poor iron shots kind of in the middle of the round, but I played the par 4s really today, which is encouraging because normally I make kind of my hay on the par 5s. Puted pretty well. First round of the year, I'm pretty happy with it. I played the Diamond Resorts event, which kind of got things rolling. What was that about four, five weeks ago? Honestly, I'm just thrilled to be playing, enjoying this Champions Tour golf.

Q. That shot there, obviously it did stay in bounds but what were you thinking? Was that a two percent, one percent shot, the hybrid coming in?

STEVE FLESCH: No, I mean, the problem was the yardage was into the wind. It was 230 into the wind, and with my hybrid it's kind of like a 215, 220 club. So I kind of flighted it down a little bit, knew I had to nail it even just to get it to the middle of the green. But it came off perfectly and it was kind of in some wet mud over there, kind of just a tight lie and I just -- I trapped it perfectly and it came off perfectly. But I would have been more than happy with a 4. Three was a bonus and 6 was in the cards.