

**MARK CALCAVECCHIA**

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**Q. Mark, it's been a few days, but what does that win mean to you? I saw just the way your emotions and reaction was out there on Sunday.**

**MARK CALCAVECCHIA:** Yeah, it was -- I've won four tournaments now on the Champions Tour and it was definitely my biggest win and my most important. Narrowing in on 58 years of age, my first couple wins it seemed like everybody was expecting me to win, I was supposed to win. And even in Des Moines in '15, I always play good there and almost the same thing, I was kind of supposed to win. But nobody expected this, I didn't expect it, but I've been working pretty hard at it. And again, you just don't -- the older you get, the harder it gets. But we're blessed to be able to do this and it means a lot. You never know when it's going to happen, so you take them when you can get them, so it means a lot.

**Q. What's it mean when, you know, you mentioned putting the work in, but in golf the results don't always show up with the work or whatever.**

**MARK CALCAVECCHIA:** Oh, absolutely.

**Q. Did you feel like you were on the brink from that part of it, too?**

**MARK CALCAVECCHIA:** Well, I knew I was playing pretty well. The guys I was playing with, they kind of said they saw it coming, too.

**Q. Really?**

**MARK CALCAVECCHIA:** I play with Russ Cochran a lot. We played with Mike Goodes and Gene Sauers a couple days in a row. Played with Parnevik and Lance Ten Broeck, so we were all playing a lot of golf the last few weeks before the tournament in Boca. They all thought I was playing well. You don't really think about it, you don't tell each other that, you just go out and play and have fun and say see ya.

But I've been feeling a lot better. I had that rhizotomy, and my doctor's here, right here in Naples. I can't tell you how many trips I made over here in the last four, five years; probably an average of four to five a year. Anyway, I feel great. It makes a huge difference to be able to spend all day at the golf course and just play, and then go to the short game area for an hour and chip and hit bunker shots and go play nine more instead of just, you know, playing and going home and then not doing anything for four days and not feeling like it. You know, that's another big thing, you feel like it instead of just going, oh, God, I don't feel like golfing, my back hurts. So it's just a whole combination of things kind of led up to it.

**Q. Who is your doctor?**

**MARK CALCAVECCHIA:** His name's Stephen Friedman.

**Q. Did anything lead you to him? Had you tried anything else?**

**MARK CALCAVECCHIA:** I was here five years ago and Lanny Wadkins had mentioned he goes to see him, and Rocco had mentioned he went to see him. So I called him up and said my back's killing me. Matter of factually, I went to see him on Tuesday when we got here and gave me -- did an epidural before I played in the Wednesday pro-am. I felt better that week.

And epidurals back then, they lasted six or seven weeks, and I've probably done 15 of them over the last five years, but as time's gone on, then they only started lasting, the last two or three years, three or four weeks. And it wasn't even 100 percent, it was like I was 50 percent better. It was like having a headache and taking a couple aspirin, you feel a little bit better but not much. I just said we've got to do something else, I'm tired of that shit.

**Q. Daly's playing this week. What's he add to an event?**

**MARK CALCAVECCHIA:** He always adds a lot. People love to come out and see him. He can obviously hit the shit out of it. I mean, people love to see him drive it, and he drives it great. Still plays great, you know. Every now and then he has the odd train wreck, we all do. He seems to have a few more than others, yeah, but he's fun to watch. He's probably our biggest draw. He gets our biggest galleries out here and he's fun to watch. He's a huge, huge addition to this tour, glad to have him.

**Q. You mentioned after you won how it could set the tone for the rest of the year. What is that tone, what do you want it to be ideally?**

**MARK CALCAVECCHIA:** Well, ideally, you know, it's obviously a huge start, I mean, to win right off the hop like this. If I can get another one somewhere at the end of the season, be there to have a chance with Bernhard and McCarron or whoever's there at the end, to have a chance to win the Schwab Cup is the idea now. I can actually honestly say I can think about that. That's the goal now. I couldn't say before last week that was the goal. The goal was to have a good year and play well and at least get to Phoenix, get to the finals, not be stuck down there 50th, 60th on the Money List. I should be in the top-20 quite honestly. Now I want to be in the top-10. That's my goal is to at least be threatening somebody is a good way to put it, I guess.