

Q. All right. Welcome, Joe Durant, Champion of this year's Chubb Classic. Congratulations. You've had a few minutes to process everything that happened. What's going through your head? How do you feel know you that you endured a tough battle on the back nine?

JOE DURANT: I'm worn out. I was very nervous starting the day today and was fortunate -- I missed a couple of short putts early, but made a good birdie on 8 and birdied 9 and that kind of steadied me a bit. It was a roller coaster for sure. When it gets bunched like it was, anything can happen and I just kept telling myself if I could just hang in there, give myself a shoot at it with three or four holes to go, you never know what's going to happen and fortunately I hit some really good shots down the stretch, other than 16, which is probably the worst shot I hit all week. But 17, 18, I played very well and fortunate to be here.

Q. When you look back on your round what do you think you're going to be the most proud of?

JOE DURANT: The stick-to-itiveness, and the intestinal fortitude. Like I said, I was nervous starting out, and I missed short putts early, but I kept grinding, kept telling myself that if I could just steady myself, hit some quality shots, the putts would start to go, and that's what I kept doing and fortunately I did that, and then I made a few on the back that really helped me, made eagle on 13, which turned the corner a little bit.

Q. It's been now a couple years since your last victory. What does it mean to you to get back into the winners' circle and to do so beating a guy like Steve Stricker?

JOE DURANT: Well, my pairing today with Miguel and Steve, those are two world class players, have been for a long time. That was probably part of the reason why I was nervous starting out, knowing I had to play very well today. Every time you can have a chance to win out here is a blessing, because it's so difficult, and you just hate to not take advantage of those opportunities.

And I didn't sleep very good last night, because I wanted to play well. It had been quite a while since I'd slept on a lead, even if it was only one shot, so I'm very thankful to get across the finish line.

Q. Congratulations, Joe. Take us through 13. That really was a big swing there. Looked like Steve was maybe in control or at least trying to manage his lead.

JOE DURANT: Yeah, no, he was playing really well. He missed several putts that were right on the edges, so he could have easily been ahead by three or four at that point. We had a different wind direction today, and 13 was actually down wind, whereas earlier in the week it had been into the wind, so I only had a 5-iron into the green, Steve had 7-iron, I'm guessing in.

One of those situations where I was fortunate that I hit fist, knocked it onto the green. So it might have put a couple thoughts in his head anyway. Hit a good shot and made a good putt. That was one of the best putts I hit today, and then I felt like, okay, I'm in this thing now, so let's just keep backing it up with quality shots.

Q. Were you surprised that no one else really made a run there? Anybody that did was far enough back it didn't -- it seemed like the last four or five holes, it was just going to be between you two guys. Miguel wasn't doing much.

JOE DURANT: Right, right. Starting the day I think I was what? 14? And Steve was 13 and Miguel was 12 and everyone else was 11 and back, so that's the only benefit of having a one-shot lead, and it's spaced out like that. You can afford a couple more mistakes. But you know how the scoring is out here, if you don't go low most days, you're going to get passed by pretty quick, so I was just fortunate that starting with the lead the mistakes I made early didn't cost me so much where it cost me the tournament. I was lucky.

Q. 17 and 18.

JOE DURANT: I played 16 horrendously, I hit a terrible shot. I was in between clubs -- no, that's part of it. In a weird way that kinda settled me down a little bit after I made bogey there, because it's like, I hit a terrible shot, hit a bad bunker shot, got out of there with a 4. Game was on. It was like, now I gotta go play golf.

Hit a good drive, hit a really good 3-wood just off the edge of the green and made a good 2-putt, very tricky position today. And 18 I hit a good drive and hit one of the best irons I've hit under pressure in a long time. I hit a 6-iron, 170 with a little cut wind and hit it in there 15 feet behind the hole. I kinda felt like I could them it up from there, but your mind starts raising and you never discount what these guys can do. Even though Steve hit it in the water, he is such a good wedge player, he could have holed his wedge shot, so you have to constantly stay on guard and fight to the finish.

Q. That last one fell in, too.

JOE DURANT: That was a relief. I didn't want to have to work too hard on the next one, so I was just going to dribble it over the edge for sure.

Q. You mentioned at the start that you were nervous. You started the round nervous. At what point were you able to overcome that? Was there a shot, a moment that you can point to as that moment?

JOE DURANT: When I pulled the ball out of the hole on 18, I wasn't nervous after that. Honestly I was nervous all day. When you get into that situation when there's so many guys that have a chance, it's a fun nervousness, not a bad nervousness, but you're nervous nonetheless. Once I knocked it on the green, I felt like I had a good shot at it.

Q. How far would you say your putts were on 13 and 14?

JOE DURANT: 13 was probably in the 15-20-foot range, 14 was about the same. 14 was a much harder putt because it was downhill and side hill. 13 was straight uphill, so that was an easy putt, and Miguel was on the same line as me so I got a perfect read off his putt as well.

But actually the birdie on 14 got me going then.

Q. The last putt on 18, how far would you say?

JOE DURANT: 15 feet, maybe.

Q. 17 was a heck of a lag putt.

JOE DURANT: Yeah, I had a 30-footer, glided it down. That was really quick going that way. Miguel chipped it in the water, and Steve had a terrible lie and he almost chipped it in the water. It was just straight down green, and it was pretty dried out, so it was tough back there.

Q. Congratulations, Joe.