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STEVE FLESCH (-12)



Q. On 18 you made that birdie and then I saw you look at Petrovic and give him a little wink. Was that because he kind of gave you a read or was that about something else?

STEVE FLESCH: No, it's just he made birdie so he was one ahead of me. That turkey, he makes everything, I tell ya. I wasn't even paying attention to when he putted, but right when he hit his putt I just kind of walked to read my line and I just kind of glanced over and his ball was rolling and it was right in the middle like they all are. You know, he knocked it in. I always want to make birdie on the last hole, period, but especially like we have fun playing together, so I didn't want him to beat me by a shot, so that's why I pointed at him like, "I tied you."

Q. He just said that he was over there going, "Go in, go in." Is he lying to us?

STEVE FLESCH: He lies with a straight face a lot. That's kind of how I think it is a lot out here. Guys root for each other. We've all, knock on wood, been successful, had great careers and we're fortunate that we get to play more golf once we turn 50. So I think everybody out here's rooting for each other and encouraging everybody. In the end we're all trying to win. You know, there's plenty to go around for all of us so we just enjoy playing together and having fun.

Q. What does it mean for you, possibly tied for third, but top-5 finish here? What does that mean for you?

STEVE FLESCH: You know, I played good last week in Calgary, I finished third there. Or two weeks ago in Calgary, finished third there. Top-5 here. To me it's just I was out so long with my neck injury last year and it's been -- this week's kind of the anniversary of the year for the surgery. You never really know how you're going to recover from the surgery, but knock on wood, I feel a lot better. I'm out of pain, I'm not on the meds anymore and I'm playing good golf. You always worry when you're injured as an athlete, are you ever going to get back. Takes longer to heal up when you're 50 years old, but I'm just glad I'm healthy and I feel great and it's always fun to play well.

Q. I saw on Twitter you're a Kentucky fan?

STEVE FLESCH: Yeah. You didn't read my comments on the game last night, did you?