

ADVENTHEALTH CHAMPIONSHIP
ROUND 4 INTERVIEW
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TREVOR CONE (-16)

Q. Trevor, congrats on winning. Can you take us kind of what have your emotions are right now?

TREVOR CONE: I've kind of calmed down a little bit, but just excited. The game's been trending this way for a long time, I just couldn't put it all together. I can't really put it into words. I'm just so excited. Just really excited to get the rest of the season going obviously.

Q. That's another question, what does this mean for the rest of the season moving forward for you? Does the mindset change a little bit? Are you more comfortable?

TREVOR CONE: Yeah, I'm a little bit more comfortable. It's nice, I've been telling myself for a while, you start to doubt yourself a little bit after being three and a half years since the last win and when you've only won once, some people may think it's a fluke. Since then, I've been trying to prove to myself that I can do it again and it's nice to get it done. I'm kind of at a loss for words.

Q. The other day you were talking about your mentality back when you won your last title. It was one shot, one hole, one step at a time. Was that the same mentality you took today?

TREVOR CONE: I tried to stay in the moment all day, and it was weird, I was way more comfortable today than I was yesterday. I don't know if that's because I started yesterday with a lead, but once I got out there and even though I didn't get off to a super hot start, I didn't birdie the first, but I hit a really good wedge into No. 2 and made birdie there. After that, I don't know what it was, I was just super comfortable. Even though I didn't have like really good yardages today, I was just in the moment trying to hit the shot at hand and go from there.

Got a lot of text messages yesterday. My dad said stay in the moment, just keep doing what you're doing. Got a little reassurance from my golf coach this morning. I asked him a question about my putting and it worked all but No. 14 today, but I think that was still a good putt. I just misread it.

Q. Coming into No. 18, you're only one shot behind the lead. Where was your head at coming into the final hole?

TREVOR CONE: I really wanted to hit the fairway. I hit it right through the fairway all three days and I saw that the tee was up when we were walking down No. 17, so I knew it was

gettable in two if you hit a good tee shot. I was a little disappointed with hitting it left, but I knew I could still lay up to a good number. But I did know that that pin was really tough and so when I hit the next one in the rough, luckily I drew a really good lie. And just once I saw Taylor (Montgomery) hit the green, I was like, *I've got to do something crazy*. I just tried to hit the exact shot that I thought would do it, tried to hit it right in the middle of the green, flew a little farther than I thought. Luckily made the putt.

Q. Can you take us through that last putt, kind of how far you think it was. And that was probably the most emotion you showed on the course all week.

TREVOR CONE: I'm going to get so much flack for fist pumping there. My buddies are going to just roast me. I don't know, I think it's probably 18, 20 feet maybe, just a right-to-lefter, just a little up the hill. And honestly, I was just thinking about just getting it there. I left the one on No. 17 short and I was just like, as long as you get it there and hit a good putt, it is what it is. The putter was finally hot and it was fantastic to see that go in.

Q. You said Friday that you kind of got on a hot streak and it was a blur. Did you ever have that blur moment today or were you pretty locked in?

TREVOR CONE: I blacked out after that putt went in for sure. No, it was pretty consistent. It was how I like to play golf for the most part. I didn't make many birdies, but the pins were really tough today and I don't know if it was just everyone else was in the same boat and we were all struggling to get it close or what, but, yeah, I tried to stay in the moment and just make as many putts as I could.

Q. The last one was in 2018 you said. Can you talk about that period between that win and this win and kind of the grind that it took knowing that you could get there again?

TREVOR CONE: It was a rough couple years. I just kind of lost my ball striking, which is like my bread and butter, but it wasn't bad to the point where I could like figure out what needed work and where to change things. I would say it was a little bit of a dark place, but it wasn't really. It was just kind of stagnant. I don't really know how to put it. I just kept grinding.

Last year was probably the worst year I had finishes-wise and the same thing happened before the win in 2018. I was kind of lost like a month or two before that and just playing like mini-tour events back in North Carolina and couldn't play well at all. Then next thing you know, I snowballed one (top-25) into a bunch of top-25s and finally won in San Francisco. I guess I'm just trying to keep the pedal down and not take it for granted this time.

Q. What's your plan tonight now to celebrate?

TREVOR CONE: I don't know. I didn't celebrate the last one, so I don't know what to do. We're driving to Chicago tomorrow, so depends if (David) Kocher makes me drive at all or if I can just sit in the passenger seat. I don't know. I have to ask my host family what the move is, if we can get downtown or not.