



2026 Boeing Classic Pre-Tournament Transcript

STEVE ALLAN

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Speaker 1 0:03

Ready. All right.

Speaker 2 0:05

You're good.

Speaker 1 0:10

Joining us, we have defending champion Steve Allen. Steve, what does it feel to be back here, outside of Seattle, defending your title?

Steve Allan 0:18

Yeah, it's a it's a weird feeling, you know. You get here and you realize you haven't been here since you actually won. You know, down 18th, you know, last year, and then you you leave and you you come back and it's like I haven't been here since I didn't get to walk around or look around. Or so yeah, it's interesting, and you obviously have a lot of memories, all the all the shots that you hit, the good ones, the bad ones, and particularly the last nine, you kind of remember how you were feeling, and so yeah, it's good experience.

Speaker 1 0:44

And what about this course in particular really just fits your game?

Steve Allan 0:48

I don't know. The first year I played here, I didn't play particularly well, and obviously last year, you know, played really well. I think it's. I just think it's a. It's just a good, solid course. I think if you if you drive the ball well, you've got a good chance to to make some birdies, and then particularly the last six or seven holes, there's a lot of scoring holes, and you know, but you have to get good shots too, so a lot can happen. And I managed to, you know, make a few birdies at the end last year, and you know, 17 is quite a difficult hole at that that part of the tournament, the pin being so close to the water, and I got through that, and you know, had a had a good up and down there on the last, so I think I think I think it's just a good, well-rounded course. I think it's a good good test.

Speaker 4 1:27

Speaker 2 1:28

When you come back to places to defend, is that a little extra boost for the week, or are you still going to go play 54?

Steve Allan 1:36

I mean, this is only the second time really I've done it for a long time. You know, I think that I think that it adds a little bit of pressure because I think you're expecting to play well instead of just letting it happen. I don't think I did a good job at Dick's just letting it happen. I had a good start there, and I was just you know in your head you're like, all right, let's keep going. Instead of just you know, golf doesn't work out like that. You go take what you get, and so hopefully I can learn from that. It definitely gives you a boost. It's definitely fun to go back and you know remember everything that happened. And like I said, it's very odd that happens. It happens all so quickly. You know you're really in the in the heat of the battle and you you're coming down the stretch and just trying to trying to you know play well and hit some good shots and and as it turned out, you know get the win and yeah. So it's it's a boost, but it has its own pressures as well.

Speaker 2 2:27

Who's on the bag this week?

Steve Allan 2:28

I have Sean, who caddied for me when I won here last year. He he's been caddying for Thomas Bjorn this year, earlier in the year. But Thomas is out injured, so Sean's going to do the rest of the year for me.

Speaker 2 2:39

Are the boys going to be here?

Steve Allan 2:41

No, they're all back at school. So yeah, yeah. My youngest is in high school this week, and then you know Liam and Joey are basically on the weekend off to college. So yeah,

Speaker 5 2:53

Got one left [at home]?

Steve Allan 2:56

Yeah, might be a tough transition for him and my wife and me when I'm home.

Speaker 2 3:02

What's it been like for you out here in the Champions Tour?

Steve Allan 3:05

It's been great. I mean, I've really enjoyed it. I think, you know, getting back to competition. You know, I, you know, lost my tour card obviously a long time ago, and then played Korn Ferry for quite a while, and then didn't quite get back to the tour. I had a couple of chances, and then you know you have that sort of five-year period where you're not really playing in tournaments. So I was close enough to the Champions Tour to not want to give up. I knew this was on the horizon, and so I always was playing little things, Monday qualifiers, you know, winning tour events, little events, going

to Australia in the in off season to try and play to keep my game in shape. And I was lucky enough to get through the Q school that first time, and you know when you get out here, it's it's so much more relaxed than the real tour. You know a lot of these guys are you know genuine legends of the game, but they don't have a point. They don't have anything to prove, but they're still competitive. So I think there's a I think everyone's a bit more relaxed. Everyone's enjoying it, and for me just to get back to competition and doing what I did for so long was was fun, and obviously having a bit of success was great too. And it's it's it's been it's been a blast.

Speaker 1 4:08

Thank you so much, Steve.