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**STEVE ALLAN**

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**Q. So we have Steve Allan, our defending champion, back here at DICK'S this year. Steve, got in yesterday. How are you feeling just approaching this week overall?**

**STEVE ALLAN:** Good. It's one of my favorite weeks of the year. I think I've played well both years I've been here and then in the past I played pretty well on the PGA TOUR when we had the B.C. Open here, so I always look forward to coming here.

**Q. And what about this course or even just the tournament in general that makes you so excited and works well with your game?**

**STEVE ALLAN:** I think it suits my game because you can -- even though you've got to drive the ball well, you can find it if you hit a bad drive. There's not so many out-of-bounds and water and all that sort of stuff, which always seems to free me up a little bit.

In regard to the whole tournament, I think that the way the community gets behind the tournament, it's always been fun. You get good crowds and it's a good atmosphere here. So yeah, it's definitely one of my favorites.

**Q. Steve, it's your first year back after winning the championship. Is there a little more added pressure going into this week?**

**STEVE ALLAN:** I don't think so. I try to just -- you know, historically in my career I haven't won a lot of tournaments, so it's not like I'm just expecting to come in here and do it again. I just want to play well. I think if you play well, you give yourself a chance. You can't control what the other guys do. Someone could go crazy and you wouldn't have a chance, but if you play well and give yourself a chance, that's really all you can expect.

**Q. Kind of building off that, how do you feel your game is right now heading into this weekend?**

**STEVE ALLAN:** It's been pretty good. I think I feel like the last few weeks have been good, but not great. It's like the last tournament in Des Moines I felt like I played well, but I didn't get a lot out of it. So hopefully can turn the putter around and just make a few less silly mistakes and we'll be back in good scores.

**Q. And then after a heck of a showing last year this weekend, what are some of the things you took away and learned last year that you're looking to keep going to your round this year?**



**STEVE ALLAN:** I think last year I did a really good job of not getting ahead of myself and just letting things happen. Obviously had such a great first round that I remember not necessarily feeling the pressure to win at that point, just to play and I think I did a pretty good job of it.

I think since then there's been a few tournaments where I haven't done as good of a job. I sort of -- later in the season last year I felt myself pressing a couple of times and it's just, I don't play my best when I do that, I play better when I just sort of chill out and let things happen. If you're playing well, things will happen, but sometimes you've got to let it happen.

**Q. I remember last year you had the whole family here. Is the family back this year?**

**STEVE ALLAN:** Yeah, yeah. Joey, my middle son Joey is going to be caddying for me again, which will be fun.

