



FINAL ROUND INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPT: SCOTT STALLINGS

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Q. Not many were talking about Scott Stallings prior to the final round but they're talking about you now, you're the champion. It looked like watching you out there with the putter in your hand you were hitting it so well on the greens. How clutch was that putter down the stretch for you?

SCOTT STALLINGS: It was big. The guy that helps me with my putting is a guy named David Robinson. He's a mini TOUR buddy of mine who's now caddying for Blake Adams and he's been helping me probably the last six, eight months. He actually didn't watch me hit a single putt this week, and we were eating lunch in the middle of the day and he said, man, you cannot release the putter too much, especially on these greens. He said, almost feel like you're trying to just over-release every single time, I promise you won't putt bad. That's all I really thought about coming down the stretch with the putter and just try not to leave the face open and try to stroke on my line and that's all you can really do on greens like this. They rolled really good for them and I'm really thankful for the opportunity and happy to be where I am.

Q. You've played five events this season, you've made only two cuts, your best finish is tied for 47th. Was the putting the biggest thing that you found this week that has you holding the trophy today?

SCOTT STALLINGS: No, the ball-striking is key. I made some changes after the, I guess, 2013 season and basically went into the fall knowing I was going to struggle. My swing was -- I used to fall back, I used to kind of get behind it and kind of have to come over the top. At 28 I could do it, but at 38 it was going to be something, as far as to lengthen my career, is going to be a struggle. We made some changes. I have an unbelievable trainer and unbelievable coach and they kind of got together and said, all right, we're going to be bad for a little bit but it's going to pay off in the long run. We've still got some work to do, but it was nice to see it coming down the stretch this week.

Q. Finally, what does this do, to win early in the year, for your optimism for the rest of the season?

SCOTT STALLINGS: Obviously I've never been in any kind of position to make a run at the FedEx Cup, I've always kind of played good late in the season, but I think it has to do with the commitment my wife and I made at the end of the season to move to Scottsdale for the winter. We still have our home in Tennessee, but to really give myself an opportunity to play and practice as much as I wanted and to spend as much time with them as I could, to see it kind of all come to fruition this fast is pretty

crazy, but it was nice to see the hard work pay off.

Q. We'll see you back at Augusta, how about that?

SCOTT STALLINGS: That's pretty awesome.

Q. Scott Stallings, three-time winner on the PGA TOUR.