

**ROUND 1 INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPT: STEVE PATE**  
**Thursday, June 26, 2014**

**Q. Okay, Steve, 5-under 65, good start. Javier was just telling me about the fourth hole with two 3s and a 2. Do you want to start by telling me about how you made the 2 at No. 4?**

**STEVE PATE:** I think we're going to be low group. I hit a really good drive up the right side and the pin was back left. I had a wide open shot at it and I had a perfect number. I hit an 8-iron and it took one hop and went in.

**Q. You saw it go?**

**STEVE PATE:** Saw it go in, yeah. I hadn't made one for a while.

**Q. Overall just talk about the round. You've been playing fairly good this year and you get off to another good start today.**

**STEVE PATE:** Yeah, I hit a lot of fairways, didn't drive it very far but hit a lot of fairways, lot of good irons, my lag putting was outstanding. I two-putted from cross-country a few times. Made a couple, I missed a lot. I didn't really make anything 10 or 20 feet. I made a couple a little longer, some three, six footers. Overall it was very solid and pretty easy.

**Q. Obviously a lot of rain. Is there any drying out today, could you sense?**

**STEVE PATE:** No.

**Q. Or is it still just really wet?**

**STEVE PATE:** It's still really wet. I mean, a couple drives actually went forward, but a lot of them backed up. Greens are really soft. You've got to worry about spinning your ball back too much. It's unfortunate because the course is in such great shape, it just needs to stop raining.

**Q. Sort of capsule your first half of the year. We're at the halfway point. Playing better?**

**STEVE PATE:** Yeah, I'm a lot healthier than I have been. I have a driver I can hit straight. I don't hit it -- like I said, it's not set up to go real far but I'm hitting a lot of fairways and I've never done that in my whole life. It's a lot easier from the fairway.

**Q. Yeah, especially when you've got rough like this.**

**STEVE PATE:** Yeah.