

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPT: STEVE LOWERY
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PHIL STAMBAUGH: Okay, Steve, 66 yesterday and you go one better today with 65, one back of Kevin Sutherland through two rounds. Just a few thoughts about today. You probably had a chance to see what Kevin was doing way early, but just talk about your round.

STEVE LOWERY: Yeah, I obviously knew with him being at 9-under through eight holes that the golf course was giving up some birdies so I knew we had to go low. It kind of just reconfirmed the fact that you kind of go after it a little bit at this golf course. Went out and played solid, played really good. Didn't get off to the greatest start, bogeyed No. 2, but hung in there and played solid.

PHIL STAMBAUGH: Just sort of take us through your round if you could. You had a run of four birdies there on the front nine.

STEVE LOWERY: Yeah, No. 2 I hit 3-wood in the fringe there and two-putted for birdie. No. 5, I hit a 4-iron just right of the green and got up and down for birdie. No. 6 was a driver and 9-iron I think and about a 15-footer. No. 7, pin was back, hit a good 5-iron in there about eight feet and made that for birdie. No. 8, hit a 2-iron through the green, was able to putt it, two-putt it for birdie. No. 10, 2-iron, sand wedge about four feet and made birdie. No. 13, par 5, hit driver, 5-iron just right of the green, got up and down there for birdie. No. 14, driver, 9-iron about 12 feet, birdie. Three-putted 14 for bogey.

PHIL STAMBAUGH: From how far?

STEVE LOWERY: I was right of the green probably 75 feet, something like that.

Missed from close range on 15, made par. Then drove the green on 16 about, I don't know, 30 feet, two-putted there. Good shot on 17, didn't make it. And then 18, hit a good drive and a wedge in there but I don't know what happened. We both came up short, hit in the right bunker, not good but made a nice putt for save there.

PHIL STAMBAUGH: You'll play in the final group for the first time in a while, I guess. Just some thoughts. You're really playing well.

STEVE LOWERY: Yeah, playing a lot better, feels a lot more consistent, just been able to focus on getting the ball in the hole and I've been doing a good job of that for two days.

Q. Did you two-putt on 12 for birdie?

STEVE LOWERY: Let's see, 12, yeah. No, no, I hit a 5-iron short of the bunker and pitched it up and made a putt about eight feet.

Q. You didn't finish your round probably yesterday quite as well as you would have liked and you get the early bogey today. Even though you had a lot of golf left, you saw what Sutherland's doing. Any anxious moments I guess early on, or did you feel like there were holes to get back and get it going again?

STEVE LOWERY: It was a little frustrating to bogey No. 2 and it's a sand wedge hole. Yeah, I was able to bounce back and get a birdie the next hole and then had a run there of four birdies. Kind of got me back in the mode, the focus mode, and went from there.

Q. What's your approach for tomorrow?

STEVE LOWERY: Well, I just think it's going to take a low score to win. You've still got Bernhard Langer in the mix. I don't know if you shoot for a score but it's going to be 20-under probably, it's going to be up there. Just got to try to maintain the same mindset of playing aggressive, shooting at the pins and making putts. Somebody's going to do it. Hopefully I'll do it.

Q. Yesterday you talked about how tricky the greens were and your tendency in the past to fiddle with the swing.

STEVE LOWERY: Yeah, this week I haven't fiddled with it. I've been rolling the ball really good but I just haven't been thinking about the golf swing at all, which has actually been fun for a while instead of working so hard at it. It's been good. Hopefully I can play well tomorrow and use the momentum to keep going.

Q. Just wondering when you heard about the 59 out on the course and can you just talk about that accomplishment from Kevin Sutherland today?

STEVE LOWERY: It's amazing. It's a tight golf course, you have to drive the ball well here. The rough, I mean, it's not super long but shooting 59 here, I don't think anybody really expected that. I was on the driving range when I heard he was 9-under after eight and he was on 59 watch there. I heard he birdied 10, maybe 12, I don't know. We saw him, we were on 10 green when he was teeing off on I think 13 and he was obviously in the zone right there. Then I think we heard that if he parred 18, he would have shot 58. I think that's what we were hearing. I don't know.

Q. Can you just talk about the conditions today? There was a lot of higher scoring today. What made it a good round condition wise from yesterday?

STEVE LOWERY: Well, par 3s were set up a lot longer. No. 7 was two clubs longer

at least, No. 17 was two clubs longer. The wind blowing out of the southwest, it was kind of tricky on some of the tee shots to try to fit the ball in the fairway with crosswinds. I think just having that wind there, that really affects the scoring.

Q. And going into the final round tomorrow, is there anything you do different, or what's it like going into that final round? What's the mindset or what do you do the night before to prepare?

STEVE LOWERY: I think the challenge is to try to do the things that you're doing. Obviously tomorrow you know there's more on the line, but just trying to keep doing what you're doing and maintaining the pressure on the leaders and just trying to make a lot of birdies because there's going to be some low scores.

Q. With regard to that final pairing, it looks like Sutherland and Cook?

PHIL STAMBAUGH: And Steve.

Q. I meant who he was playing with. Two very nice guys it seems like, should be a very comfortable grouping. Is that something that will help you out, try to put you at ease a little bit?

STEVE LOWERY: Yeah, I think so. I played with John today but that can kind of lull you into, you know, here comes Bernhard Langer type thing. So we need to be nice to each other, we need to play good.

PHIL STAMBAUGH: Steve, good luck tomorrow.

STEVE LOWERY: Thanks.