



FINAL ROUND INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPT: SCOTT DUNLAP **Sunday, August 24, 2014**

DAVE SENKO: Well, Scott, congratulations on your first win. This is your 16th start on this tour and 300 Charles Schwab Cup points, \$300,000 check as well as a two-year exemption to Hawaii next January of '15 and '16. Maybe just take us back through your day and then we'll focus on getting your birdies, bogeys, and you birdied 18 in the playoff.

SCOTT DUNLAP: Yeah, I was very much looking forward to the day. I've been playing reasonably well the last couple months and was hoping today might be the day we break through but you never know.

First hole, hit a great rescue out of the rough back there to about 10 feet and kind of whittled it up there, kind of a nervous putt but a nice easy birdie to get going. Got a little loose in -- where did I make bogeys?

DAVE SENKO: 4 and 6.

SCOTT DUNLAP: I just kept bleeding my tee shot on 4 all week and I didn't carry the bunker this time and had to just kind of wedge it out. Then 6 kind of -- well, I hit an awful tee shot at 5, probably could have gone out of bounds. Then hit kind of a weak 5-iron into the right bunker that was dead at 6 which led to the other bogey.

Righted the ship. I hit a good tee shot down 8 and a beautiful 4-iron on the green. I guess I wasn't quite on, was I? Probably just in the fringe, I didn't get to mark my ball. I just misread -- the three previous putts were misread poorly and this was kind of a tricky one and, I don't know, I guessed right, went right in the middle.

DAVE SENKO: How far?

SCOTT DUNLAP: 35 feet I would say. Then hit a nice quality shot at 9. No. 9's playing tough, back tee, back right pin, nice par. Under read the putt but I hit a decent one. 10 and 11, nice wedges and a couple nice solid putts, 10 from say five feet and 11 from I'll say eight feet.

I was in control. Usually if I'm going to -- I might miss a short putt which would kind of derail things and derail the momentum and I didn't do that this week, so I was in control and playing good, quality golf. But then you can't play defense, and Mark Brooks shot 65, so, you know, I felt like I did what I needed to do other than birdie the last hole. Good bunker shot in. That would have also been the kind of putt that if I didn't commit to it, I would kind of weak it out to the right and I didn't. I made a nice

committed effort. I didn't see as much break as there was, but I felt good about the putt I hit.

And then playoff time, playoffs to me, the mentality is like, shoot, I've already had a good week, it's like how good can it be. I've already won. If I lose this thing, well, shoot, you know, a nice check and we finish second and we played good golf, so I was nice and free.

Hit a nice tee ball and had just a little better yardage for the 3-wood in than the earlier round in regulation where I had to just kill it to just get there. This one, if I hit it nicely, would get there. When I looked up and it was just right of the pin --

DAVE SENKO: What was your distance on that 3-wood?

SCOTT DUNLAP: I was 245 to the hole and it's 13 yards uphill, so it's like 258 into a little breeze. So with these new Howitzer 3-woods that we're allowed to arm ourselves with, that was a perfect club.

DAVE SENKO: And the first putt was how far?

SCOTT DUNLAP: What was it, about six feet, and that was fast. I was trying to leave it about three inches short and it still went a foot by, which people that really know me know that's not done yet but it was today.

DAVE SENKO: 14, just back up a little bit, you made a birdie at 14.

SCOTT DUNLAP: Yeah, sorry. Yeah, right on the cusp of whether I could get sand wedge there or pitching wedge that luckily the wind had kind of come back around slightly in favor, and from 119 I just went ahead and just ripped a sand wedge to about four feet. I hit pitching wedge there yesterday from only two yards further, so the shot played a little differently.

DAVE SENKO: How about 18 in regulation, what was your shot sequence there?

SCOTT DUNLAP: I didn't hit a good tee shot luckily because it was going toward the bunker that I could just reach, but luckily it stayed inside it and peeled back. That was more like 244, so I think I was 15 yards further, but I really hit it hard and it got further -- I thought it would probably just barely be in the bunker and had a little better angle on my bunker shot, but I almost got pin high, which I knew it would be really fast. I couldn't hit a better bunker shot if I tried. I don't even think I landed on the green and it still went, what, 10 feet by, eight feet by probably. The putt, like I said, I read it just outside the hole and probably needed to give it a full cup.

DAVE SENKO: How far was that putt on 18?

SCOTT DUNLAP: 10 feet.

DAVE SENKO: Questions?

Q. You had 204 starts on the regular tour and 16 here. To finally break through, what's that mean to you?

SCOTT DUNLAP: It means that the wait was worth it. It's not like I ever thought about doing anything else. I mean, I'm a golfer. And thank goodness for the Web.com Tour and all its iterations over the years, it's a great place to play and keep playing while, you know, I had hoped to get back on the PGA TOUR and I managed it once on 2012, but obviously this tour is always looming, waiting there for when you turn 50 and if you've still got some semblance of the game and then tee it up against the guys that I didn't beat once in all those, how many starts was it, 200-some?

Q. 204, yeah.

SCOTT DUNLAP: So the John Cooks, the Fred Funks, the Bernhard Langers, the Kenny Perrys, the Tom Lehmans, et cetera, et cetera, et cetera, you know, I couldn't beat all of them in any one tournament until this week, so yeah, that feels pretty good.

Q. How much were you aware of Brooks and his move down the stretch?

SCOTT DUNLAP: I finally saw the board I guess it was at 14 when I was 16. Well, I hadn't gotten to 16 yet so it couldn't have been then. That's a good question. I don't know when the next board was. Maybe it was behind 16 green, I guess, when it was -- yeah, I heard the cheer, looked like he birdied 16, which I guess he did, and then you've got to assume he'll probably birdie 18. I didn't know he birdied 18 until I was standing up on the greenside bunker and looked at the ticker.

Q. What does that do to you when you see someone make a move like that? Do you have to stay within yourself?

SCOTT DUNLAP: Yeah, like I said, I felt good about the day. Other than my loose stretch in the middle of the front nine where it was ugly for about 45 minutes, the ship was righted and then I played sensible what I thought was winning golf. I mean, when I eagled 8 to get to 13, I'm leading the tournament and then I play three more under in from there. You would think that should be good enough but it wasn't quite, you needed the one more birdie. And that's why this group of guys is tough to beat because at any one week someone's going to do the chasing and they will chase you down.

Q. Scott, did you come up here (inaudible) stalled before you got to 8 and obviously you guys had a couple deer delays during the front nine. Were you trying to make the putt on 8? It was kind of coming out right to left, were you

trying to coax it down there or were you trying to make it?

SCOTT DUNLAP: It was never going to have any trouble getting there, it was straight down, and it probably would have gone six feet by if it had missed, which isn't terribly too hard but it's a fast putt. Like I said, I hit some really ugly putts. I say ugly, I misread the three previous. I was just hoping I read one right and I could get down there and I could make a 4.

But as for the round stalling, it had stalled but it was different this week. I felt like I was going to get it going again and this wasn't the week where I was going to capitulate and just wander off back to 11-under and finish eighth. I just didn't think that was going to happen. And that putt was the spur. It wasn't going to be that one, I just felt like I was going to do it today. I played good. That is, you can't stop someone from beating you, but I didn't think I would just wander off with an even-par round and have a mediocre finish today.

Q. You birdied 14 and you took a three-shot lead. You used a 3-wood I think on 15. Is that your normal --

SCOTT DUNLAP: I hit rescue off that hole because I hit driver the previous two days and couldn't reach. If I hit driver and get into that bunker, now I've got to hit a 9-iron out and leave a 5-iron. I said, well, I've been laying up anyway, so I laid it up nicely, but then I laid the second shot up in the left rough. That actually might have been the one thing that could have cost me because then I had to play out to the right and two-putt. So I made a 5, but if I put the ball in the fairway on the second shot, you expect to hit it to eight to 10 feet and I had been making those. So yeah, that second shot there was a bit of a bummer. But getting out of there with a 5, like I said, if I get to the house where I'm at, but no, he was still making birdies.

Q. There wasn't a part of you that was disappointed about being in the playoff? I don't know if you know Mark's record in playoffs, he won four of his seven in playoffs.

SCOTT DUNLAP: I don't have the luxury of being disappointed if I find myself in a playoff, no. Like I said, I didn't drop a shot since the sixth hole and played 5-under from there in. I would say I did what I needed to do. And the last hole, I hit a great bunker shot, I hit a good putt, and the kind of putt that if I was really nervous and letting the situation get to me, I would have shoved it out to the right. I didn't, I committed to a line, it just broke more. I was like that's fine, it didn't go in, great, still in it, see what happens in the playoff.

Q. When did you know how good your second shot on the playoff hole was?

SCOTT DUNLAP: Wow, you know, you've got thousands of people, oh, that was a good one, it's in the fringe, now it's out of the fringe, oh, my God, it's moving towards

the hole.

Q. You could see the whole thing?

SCOTT DUNLAP: I couldn't see anything, but the cheers, I could have guessed within a foot of how far my ball was just based on how the crowd was reacting. They let me know, yeah.

Q. How many deer delays in your round?

SCOTT DUNLAP: It was just the one. They came out on the next hole but I don't think we had to wait to shoo them away. What do they feed these deer around here that they're that tame? It's unbelievable. Where I come from, deer are skittish, they don't come up to you looking for handouts.

Q. After that second shot on the playoff and you heard the crowd go wild, what were you feeling or did you feel anything? Did you feel like okay, I've got this, or did you push it aside? What were you feeling?

SCOTT DUNLAP: I never feel like I've got it until I get it done. I've seen enough playoffs where -- not playoffs, tournaments where guys coming up the last hole and it's all smiles and the ball spins back in the water and it's a double bogey. You've got to stay level right to the end. Let's say Mark holes that putt from the front, that's a 4. Now I'm faced with one like this. You know, you're already a little nervous. It would be nothing to roll that two and a half, three feet by and miss that, you know. I know that's how that can work. So hey, until it's done, I don't count anything.

Q. Did you envision winning a lot over the years and how's it feel compared to how you might have thought it would feel?

SCOTT DUNLAP: Did I envision winning a lot? You know, when I finally got my card in '96, it was like I'm going to take the world by storm, work so hard, make the Ryder Cup team, this and that. It didn't take me long to figure out about where I was, which was a good golfer, I do some things quite a bit better than average, some other things not tour average, which leaves me as someone who's probably going to work to keep his card more often than not. You know, you watch and you're competing against the very best. There's a reason it took me 10 years to finally get my card. I knew what my shortcomings were. You try to make them better, we all do, but yeah.

So no, I don't look at my career and say you've underachieved. You do what you do. I was good enough to keep playing. But the wonderful thing about golf is that you can always do better and that's the fun part. I mean, you know what your nemesis is or the things that might turn you inside out, and days like today you're under control of those things and that's a special feeling, and enjoy it while it lasts because it won't last forever. No, I look back at everything I've done fondly. I would like to win more,

but when it's sparing, it's ever that much more enjoyable.

DAVE SENKO: You've played all over the world. What particular places do you find your favorites outside of the U.S. where you've traveled and played?

SCOTT DUNLAP: Well, I spent a lot of time in South Africa. That was a special place for me because when I finally went down there in 1989, played that tour, it was the first non, quote, mini tour golf that I had played proper professional golf with a caddie, people watching, gallery ropes, et cetera, and great players playing. David Feherty was there, Tony Johnstone, Hugh Baiocchi, Ernie Els. He was a young guy, he hadn't even started playing yet. So you cut your teeth on people you knew could play and that helped me. I finally got a barometer about where I stacked up, which was I'm not spinning my wheels here, I'm not wasting my time, but we've got to get a little better here. But I've had some good success in Canada. It's just been fun to go different places. I had to do it, but having done it, it was great.

Q. How are you going to celebrate?

SCOTT DUNLAP: Go watch Peter Frampton with Buddy Guy and Don Felder at Chateau St. Michelle this evening.

Q. Do you want me to drive you?

SCOTT DUNLAP: It's not that far up the road, I take it?

DAVE SENKO: No.

SCOTT DUNLAP: I didn't book look to leave here until Tuesday because my caddie, we both love baseball and the Mariners are back in town so we're going to go to the Mariners game tomorrow. I'm not a big rah rah celebration kind of guy. When I have some success, it's more like a relief, you know, a certain calm.

Q. Have you ever thrown out a first pitch?

SCOTT DUNLAP: Have I ever thrown out one? No, I haven't. My sister was going to and then the Mets got rained out that night. She was playing the LPGA event at Wykagyl.

DAVE SENKO: First pitch tomorrow.