



FINAL ROUND INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPT: JAY HAAS
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PHIL STAMBAUGH: Okay, Jay, heck of a day for the Champions Tour to end the 2014 season. You finished second, I guess, for the second time at Desert Mountain, four-hole playoff, but you really had a heck of a year. Just a couple thoughts about the day and then the playoff, maybe talk about that a little bit.

JAY HAAS: Yeah, it was a long day, longer for the team that loses in extra innings, I guess. After yesterday kind of riding myself a little bit and playing well down the stretch to get into the playoff, it was pretty gratifying. It's been a wonderful year and, you know, just a shot here or there. Yesterday just was pretty awful, but today came back on a pretty tough day, you know, to have a chance there. Just neither one of us played terrific golf in the playoff, but somehow scratched it out, a couple birds early. Tom's such a beautiful bunker player and pitcher of the ball and everything, I knew I was going to have to make a birdie to beat him on one of the holes. You know, frustrating there at the end getting in that wash area. I expect that ball to come out faster and I chunked it in the 72nd hole and again in the playoff, too, so not very good attempts there. But it was all in all a great week, right there the whole time. I can kind of relax now and maybe take a breath

PHIL STAMBAUGH: Can you maybe talk about the birdie at 18 in regulation?

JAY HAAS: Yeah. You know, I thought my second shot was going to hit into the hill and get up there and be an easy pitch up to the green and just didn't come out very good, came back down in there, and just again it just feels like that's really firm underneath there. I saw a couple guys hit shots and I played with Kenny Perry and he hit one on maybe No. 12 the second day and it came out real hot and didn't have any spin on it or anything, and so I was expecting it to do a little bit of that and it just barely, it chunked out onto the fringe. And Monty chipped in and he said, come on, knock this in. Obviously I was trying and I figured that Tom was going to make a birdie on that hole and 11 was the number. Pretty fortunate to make that putt. Hit a good putt and looked good the whole way so that was fun to do that. Nothing like birdieing the last hole when you need to.

PHIL STAMBAUGH: How far was it?

JAY HAAS: You know, that pin was on 12, I think, so 37 feet or so, just a foot off the green.

PHIL STAMBAUGH: Questions very quickly.

JAY HAAS: Sorry, I'm going to Korea tonight from LAX.

Q. I don't have a question, I just want to say congratulations, hell of a year and thanks for all the help.

JAY HAAS: Oh, gosh, thanks for you guys. It's been a lot of fun. It's fun to come in here and talk about good play.

Q. Real quickly, I just wondered what your thoughts were about the way Tom played. Seems like you guys threw a lot at that guy this week and he just kept grinding. --

JAY HAAS: Yeah, we played yesterday on a real tough day and he ground out an even par round or 1-under yesterday. That's the way he plays, he's a grinder, never gets upset. Hit it up in the desert there on our, whatever, second playoff hole, looks like he's out of it. I knew he was going to make a par and I was kind of over there, I didn't have the greatest of shots into the green. But that's just Tom, that's the way he plays. And when he's on tee to green, he's very, very good. But this was, you know, a week that he would excel, just a tough grinding type week. Hats off to him, obviously he's down there on the green holding the trophy, so good stuff.

PHIL STAMBAUGH: Okay, Jay. Thanks a lot.