

**FINAL ROUND INTERVIEW:     JEFF MAGGERT**  
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**PHIL STAMBAUGH:** Jeff, bogey-free 66 to end the tournament and you hold off Paul Goydos by two shots. Your fourth win of the year, second win in your last three starts, and you're back atop the Charles Schwab Cup standings. A few thoughts about the day and about taking over the Schwab Cup lead again.

**JEFF MAGGERT:** Just a good solid day today. I was a little unsure of myself starting the day. I hadn't been putting that well this week, been missing a lot of three, four, five footers so I knew I had to buckle down today and try to play a mistake-free round. Obviously not making any bogeys today was a big key, and also the five birdies on the front nine was another big key. I wanted to get out early and make some birdies. With the three par 5s on the front nine, you've got an opportunity to make up some ground on the leaderboard. Kind of the game plan was to get close, maybe a little bit ahead and put the pressure on the rest of the guys to try to come catch me.

**PHIL STAMBAUGH:** You've now won five times in 28 events. Obviously this is a course you had played in the past on the PGA TOUR, but not since 2003. Just talk about that a little bit.

**JEFF MAGGERT:** Yeah. You know, it was almost coming to a new course. I didn't remember a lot of the golf course. I mean, the routing, but the subtleties of the course and the breaks on the greens were kind of having to learn all that over again. The golf course is in great shape this week and I drove the ball well. You've got to drive the ball well here, it's very tight, a lot of trees on the edges of the fairways. That's a strength of my game, so I knew that that would be an advantage to me this week. Not making the putts the first two rounds, I was struggling, missing a few greens here and there. Hitting good chip shots and then missing four-, five-footers. Today was a lot better. I three-putted the par 5, the fifth hole, and then I missed kind of a little short birdie putt on 12. Other than that, I putted well today and my lag putting was good. The 25-, 30-footers giving myself tap-ins to finish it off for par. Everything was good and solid. It's nice to have a little cushion on the Schwab Cup now. I know Colin had a couple weeks off the last two weeks, so it was an opportunity for myself and Bernhard. Bernhard had a good week last week and I played well this week. It's going to be tough the last five tournaments. Those two guys play good every week. Colin will be fresh when he gets out here, so looking forward to that myself. This three-week break is going to be good, a little bit of a rest and get ready for the last five tournaments of the season.

**PHIL STAMBAUGH:** Okay. Before you we go to questions, Jeff, just details on the two runs of three birdies each and then take us down the stretch the last few holes.

**JEFF MAGGERT:** It was a good start. I hit it close on the first hole, had about a four-, five-footer there, maybe a little longer. Then I made a nice long putt on the second hole, probably 30 feet. Then I had the par 5 and just hit a good two shots there. It was right up on

the green with the eagle chance maybe 20 feet away, so easy two-putt birdie there. That was the start I was looking for, so I was just trying to build on that.

The fifth hole, I hit a good shot right in the middle of the green. I was kind of licking my chops for another birdie there but I three-putted it and then struggled a little bit. On the sixth I hit a bad tee shot, missed the green, but I chipped it close, made the putt for par. And then the par 5 eighth hole I was right up near the green in the rough there, had a pretty easy chip shot and chipped it six inches from the cup, made birdie there. Hit a nice little wedge shot in on 9 about 10 or 15 feet and made that. So making the turn at 5-under was a bonus making the five birdies, no bogeys.

Then I made a long putt on 10. The pin was tucked near the water there, I didn't really want to shoot at that pin. At the time I think I had maybe a one-shot lead, maybe a two-shot lead, so I was playing a little bit conservative with that shot and I was maybe 25 feet left of the hole and made the putt. That was the start I was looking for. I thought I could make a few more birdies at the end but it didn't happen, but I didn't make any mistakes. Paul had a bad shot there I think coming down the stretch on 15, tee shot in the water, and at that time it kind of opened a small crack in the door. I think at the time we were just one shot separating us. So after that I had a two-shot lead with three to play, so just trying to finish it off with a birdie somewhere in there if I could, but the three pars were good.

**PHIL STAMBAUGH:** Talk about 18 a little bit. It got a little interesting with the drive to the right in the trees.

**JEFF MAGGERT:** Yeah, you know, it's probably one of the toughest driving holes on the course. Being the last hole when you're in the lead or trying to win the tournament, it's challenging. You've got water all the way up the left side and you've got trees on the right. So I was favoring kind of the tree side of the fairway a little bit and I pushed it a little bit, but I hit it really solid. It looked like it carried the big group of trees, might have caught a few limbs on the way down, but it was definitely in the rough and it was far enough past the trees where I had a pretty easy wedge shot into the green. It did make it a little interesting for me. I didn't really know where my ball was until I got up there by the gallery. Not being able to see the bounce from the tee box. I am kind of hit one to the right there, too, so I saw where his ball was and I was just hoping that I wasn't over there with the trouble that he had. Good break there. And like I said, once I got the wedge on the green with a two-shot lead, it was kind of -- that was the story.

**Q. How would you size up your chances to get this thing done going into --**

**JEFF MAGGERT:** You know, I didn't know. I was a little anxious with my putter. I knew I was hitting the ball, I was driving the ball well enough to shoot a low score today. I just needed the putter to cooperate and eliminate some of the mistakes on the little chips and short putts. I kind of pulled it all together today. Sometimes when you're playing from a little bit behind, a stroke or two, puts you in a more aggressive mindset. So I went out early just thinking just make as many birdies as you can. The three guys in the last group, they had a

pretty decent start but then they kind of faded after that. And Paul, he was playing right in front of me so I was kind of seeing what he was doing and being able to keep an eye on him.

Coming down the stretch on the back nine, it was pretty much just me and Paul. Corey was playing really well, I think he made a late birdie on 16 or 17 to get within two shots, but he was three or four shots behind most of the back nine so I wasn't really too concerned about him as Paul. Paul's a good player and he's won out here before and I know he's hungry to get another win. He just had the one mistake there on 15 and that kind of gave me a little bit of the cushion that I needed to finish it off.

**Q. How much fun are you having this year being on the Champions Tour, winning tournaments, playing deep into the weekend. Just talk about how much fun you're having.**

**JEFF MAGGERT:** It's obviously a lot of fun when you're winning. I didn't really know what to expect when I came onto the Champions Tour, but I've learned that the players are very competitive, it's not a pushover tour. You've got to work on your game and you've got to work hard, which is great because those are the things that I was looking to do when I came out here. I had a great 25-year career on the regular tour. I only won three tournaments. I felt like I would have won a lot more, so there's still a desire in me to come out and play well and to win tournaments. The Champions Tour is an avenue to do that. I would like to play a few more tournaments on the regular tour still if I can get a chance to play a few of those, but certainly 95 percent of my focus will be on the Champions Tour. The guys out here play great. I mean, you can see today, there wasn't anyone just giving the tournaments away. Corey's a tough competitor. If he would have made a few putts here and there, I was watching him the whole back nine, he looked like he had a lot of opportunities to make birdies but he couldn't get the putts to drop. Kind of the same thing with Paul. Every week there's guys that play hard and play tough and they're tough to beat.

**Q. When you're watching Goydos in front of you, how much do you actually pay attention to that?**

**JEFF MAGGERT:** Definitely playing my game especially on the front nine, not even worried about the leaderboard, just trying to make birdies, and then after the 10th hole, getting to 14-under and having a nice look at the leaderboard there and knowing that the tournament's kind of in my control. Guys have to come catch me and I get in the mindset of let's keep going, let's make a birdie here, make a birdie there and try to keep pushing that lead a little bit more. I wasn't -- 12, I thought that was my chance, I thought I was going to have an easy birdie there and get another -- kind of have a three-shot cushion instead of two, but I missed a short putt there and just played really steady golf after that.

**Q. You mentioned that you had trouble on the greens the first two days and you said you were watching Paul and Corey get putts that they could hit. Did you find the greens, like not that they weren't in good shape, but did you find them difficult this week?**

**JEFF MAGGERT:** Early in the week I didn't know the reads quite as well just because I hadn't been here in a while, but today I was reading the putts good. The greens are rolling good, they're smooth, they had some tough pins today. The putts were very subtle breaks. Sometimes when you have putts that might only break two, three, four inches, those are a lot more difficult to make than if a putt's got 12 inches of break because you really see the break and you know it's going to take the break. Just a lot of subtle pins today. Like I said, if you were just misreading them by an inch or two, you were going to miss the putts, and I think that was the difference today with most of the pins.

**Q. Three weeks off. Are you the kind of guy now who will go and not touch them for a week, week and a half, or what do you do?**

**JEFF MAGGERT:** I probably won't play much this next week. It's unfortunate we had the tournament in China get canceled, but with the difficulties they're having there. My 11-year old plays golf every single day and he wants to play every day after school. So I don't get a lot of breaks, but it's actually helped my game, to be honest with you, the last couple years because I do spend a lot more time playing golf at home than I did six or seven years ago. I get out and hit a few range balls with him and maybe play nine holes two or three times a week. Definitely keeps my game in focus and sharp.

**Q. Congratulations. You haven't been here in a while. Things that you remember from coming back about the community, the golf course, and anything new that you experienced?**

**JEFF MAGGERT:** Not really. Once I was here, I don't want to say it was going back in time, but it is a great little town. I mean, it's I guess kind of an old-style New York community, just great. It's actually nice to see that it hadn't changed, the town of Endicott. All the little old Italian restaurants are still here and the pizza joints. Just had a good time. The food in this town's fabulous, a lot of good restaurants. I had a good time.

**Q. What's the golf course back home that you and your boy play?**

**JEFF MAGGERT:** Carlton Woods is in Texas, and then in the summertime we're in Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. We play at Sea Pines in the summertime. Have dual residences, summertime Sea Pines and the rest of the year back in Texas.