

### Q. You've never seen this course, I assume, until you got in town? Since this is only your second event, you haven't seen many of these courses.

**STEVE FLESCH:** Yeah, no, Tuesday was my first look. Reminds me a lot of the course that I grew up playing. Very hilly, natural terrain, not a whole lot of earth was moved to build it, and you have to be very careful where you're aiming it out there. With the wind and a lot of the pitch on the greens, it's just a fun golf course to play. Haven't played a lot of courses like this in the last -- at all on the PGA Tour in the last 20 years. So it's fun to play, like a natural park land-type golf course. It's right there in front of you and it's fun to play.

### Q. Despite the wind, how did it all come together today? I mean, didn't think there were going to be a lot of really good rounds out there, and there have been a couple?

**STEVE FLESCH:** There's a couple. The par 5s are pretty reachable and it's really hard to hit fairways today, and I just kind of took the approach -- I mean, I have a hard time hitting fairways with 3-woods, so I just hit driver kind of everywhere and got it as close to the green as I could and managed to make a few birdies. But the wind direction makes a few of the holes that are normally birdie holes pretty tough, but the other holes then you could capitalize on. I think there's enough holes out here where you can make some birdies where you can afford to throw a few bogeys in there.

## Q. It appears that scoring is going to be at a premium, so finishing out 18 with a birdie, how do you kind of take that into the clubhouse?

**STEVE FLESCH:** Well, that's two in a row, two days in a row I birdied 18. I haven't been driving it very well all day. I actually was in a couple other fairways other than the hole I was playing today. But that 18th hole, the tee shot's pretty tough and I managed to hit it up there right in front of the green, and usually inside a hundred yards I'm pretty good, and I took advantage of a nice wedge shot and somehow shook the putt in.

### Q. You were in contention on the PGA Tour, I think you won four times. Is it just automatically a switch there when you get in the hunt again?

**STEVE FLESCH:** Not really. You know, the last five years I haven't played a ton. I've played a handful of events each year, and actually in my first event a couple weeks ago, you could tell I hadn't played a lot of tournament golf so much. I played a lot with my buddies at home and it's not the same. But being out here with a lot of familiar faces, a lot of guys that I played with in the past and playing well this week, it's nice to get those butterflies back, get the nerves tingling a little bit. But the way it is out here, you have to go out here and shoot low. And I'm looking forward to tomorrow, going out and just letting it all go again.

#### Q. When you come to a course you haven't played though, do you even try to read up on it before you get here or talk to guys about it, or do you just show up and learn it?

**STEVE FLESCH:** Everybody has their own take on it. Everybody told me it was a fun golf course to play, pretty hilly, but didn't really go into specifics because everybody hits it kind of differently.

I would rather just get here and figure it out for myself and see what suits my game and what doesn't, and try and pick a game plan from there. This wind makes it difficult, very tricky on the par 3s to pull the right club. Same for everybody. You just hope you guess right.

# Q. The wind will be strong again tomorrow but it will be from the same direction, so do you think that it will take another round like what you shot today to be right there at the end of the day tomorrow?

**STEVE FLESCH:** I really do because the par 5s, you can take advantage of them out here. I birdied two of the four today. But it's the par 3s that are really difficult right now with this wind. I played well today, shot 5 under. I think there's a couple other guys 4 or 5 under as well. It may not get super low like 8 under, but I know I'm going to have to get to at least double digits tomorrow to have any sort of chance.