

KEVIN STREELMAN (-8)

Q. 8 under, that's now the course record, 62. How much fun was that out there today?

KEVIN STREELMAN: You know, it was an interesting day. I literally had probably the worst warmup of my PGA TOUR career today, which it's such a funny game. Wasn't too confident walking to the tee, but laced one down 10, hit a 5-wood about 20 feet, then got horseshoed for an eagle. So from there it was just off to the races. Eagled the short par 4 14th and just kind of kept it going. I don't know if I missed a fairway or a green today, to be honest. It was pretty close to a flawless round.

Q. Well, just to let you know, you missed one fairway, you missed one green, you had over 100 feet worth of putts. I guess some of these days just happen where everything just falls into place.

KEVIN STREELMAN: Yeah. Well, waking up and hearing the news about Kandi Mahan's sister, we put the ribbons on today, just kind of puts it in perspective. My family's not with me today. I really just wanted to kind of kiss my wife and my kids today. I stay with a family here, the Phelans, who are one of my first sponsors and unfortunately Jimmy passed away from cancer three years ago. Staying with his wife, Kathy, and their two boys. It just puts things in perspective. It's a great game and we love it, but it's just a game at the end of the day.

Q. Life is special. Now for you, you came here probably hoping, "I hope I make the cut," now you're definitely around for the weekend.

KEVIN STREELMAN: One of my best friends at home is from Carnoustie so he's been ragging on me, "You've got to make it, I've got all my buddies there and friends, we've got places to stay and eat, maybe have a pint or two," so that's kind of in the back of my mind really, to get in the top 4 and get there. But good to be in contention to win a golf tournament. It's going to be hot, just fairways and greens and see what we can do.

Q. Kevin, a pretty special round. Just some comments on the round today, the eagle on 14?

KEVIN STREELMAN: Yeah, I had an incredible start. Like I said, I didn't have a very good warmup. Walked down to 10 and it was still early, laced a driver down there, stuffed a 5-wood to 20 feet and literally horseshoed it, come back at me for eagle so just had a tap-in birdie there and it was just kind of off to the races. Birdied 11, which was an awesome birdie, hit two nice shots there. Almost holed it on 13, and then eagled 14. So it was

obviously about as good a start as I could have and just kept it up and just kind of played smart golf coming in and gave myself a lot of good looks. It could have even been a few better as we always say.

But with the news today of Kandi Mahan's sister, I think it put all this in a proper place this morning to just knowing where your priorities are with our family and health and healthy children and loved ones. It just puts golf in the proper perspective. It's amazing great things can come out when it's in its proper place.

Q. What did you change and start working with Andrew?

KEVIN STREELMAN: Andrew? You know, it's been really simple. Andrew Getson from Phoenix, we've been good friends for a couple of years. It tends to be simple posture stuff. I have a tendency to kind of -- I played a lot of tennis growing up so I tend to throw my hands at it a little too much, so we're trying to get it much more rotational and big muscle kind of out of good rotation, staying in your posture. It's kind of 101 fundamentals, which I think all the great ones are really good at. So you're always kind of going back to those basics. But he's great at keeping things simple. I was close to waking him up this morning at 4 a.m. Phoenix time when I was on the range, I was hitting it so bad, but I fortunately didn't.

Q. Can you talk about just talking about a bigger picture today, using that to your advantage. Did you really go out there just free wheeling given what you heard, the news?

KEVIN STREELMAN: Yeah, you know, I also stay with a family. Jim Phelan was one of my first sponsors. He gave me 5,000 bucks 14 years ago to get on my feet and Jimmy passed away three years ago from cancer. I stay with his wife Kathy and their boys, Peter and Jack. You know, golf's -- it's a game and we all love it, but when it's in its proper place in your life I think is when you tend to play your best. Sometimes we make it too important whether we're playing great or playing bad. I found my greatest highlights on the golf course have been when I've kind of pushed that down a little bit, put faith, family and friends ahead. This was just one of those days.

Q. Kevin, the joy on your face when you were describing your round at the start of this interview is very obvious. 62's a fantastic score, and if you had shot even par today, you probably would have been in danger of missing the cut. Can you tell just a general comment on the turnaround you've had today, especially from how you're describing you were hitting it on the range to the first hole?

KEVIN STREELMAN: It's just golf. Sometimes it clicks. I just hit it pretty much perfectly out there today, just kept it beneath holes where I wanted to, attacked pins I wanted to, played smart on some pins I wanted to, and just had real control of the golf ball today. My only simple swing thought was just kind of stay tall and let it fall into a lot of space. I tend to kind of fire my legs out and it takes away all your space. So I'm trying to find some space to throw -- get the hands into.

Also, I'll tell you John Lester, the pitcher for the Cubs, texted me last night, told me to get my head out of my butt. He had been playing good golf lately so he was talking some trash.

Q. Is he a friend of yours?

KEVIN STREELMAN: Yeah.

Q. Really quick on 14, do you expect 14 to be an eagle opportunity on Saturday and Sunday as well?

KEVIN STREELMAN: Yeah. Well, it's basically right where the tees are going to be, 275, 280 front edge. So depending on the wind, it's either 3-wood for a lot of guys downwind or driver in. You can bail left, but it's going to be a tough up-and-down. The miss is right there so you can chip up the hill, but it makes it a great golf hole.

Q. You mentioned to Bill over there this was as close to a flawless round as you had played. Can you recall any other rounds of your career that would be near this?

KEVIN STREELMAN: I would say Travelers, the last 10 holes at Travelers are about as good as I can do. That was all putting, I mean, 10 one-putts in a row. This was just complete control of the golf ball off the tee and everything down to my wedges, so I was proud of that. Just getting myself in position. Now I'll get some rest. I'm going to head over to Burning Tree to see some friends where Jimmy Phelan is a member at, used to be a member at, and have a cigar in his memory and see some buddies.