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Q. Best finish of the year?

DAVID McKENZIE: Yes.

Q. And is it the best finish on the Tour, on the Champions Tour?

DAVID McKENZIE: I finished second at SAS in 2019.

Q. Okay. So in the last couple of years -- and as you told us yesterday, a tough year. Where did this weekend come from for you? Did it just kind of come out of nowhere for you, or did you feel like it was on its way?

DAVID McKENZIE: I have been playing well for a year, but I hadn't been playing. I played like -- I think I played -- going back to the senior -- the senior -- what is it? The Traditional. Played one week, there was a week off. The next week, the Senior PGA. Scraped in, got into the next one. But my preparation wasn't good that week for Des Moines. Missed the next week, went home. So I had four weeks off. I came back, I played the Senior Players. Then I went to the U.K. to play the Senior British Open, missed the qualifying. So I had another three weeks off. Came back over here, got into Calgary, and then got in here late. So all of a sudden, it's the first time I think all year that I have played two tournaments in a row. So hopefully, that's just a bit of continuity to feel like I'm playing well, give myself chances, and hopefully that will continue. I don't know what's going to happen.

Q. You had six birdies in the first 12 holes and the second day made another run to get even closer to get into contention really.

DAVID McKENZIE: I was sucking air the last six holes.

Q. Oh, were you?

DAVID McKENZIE: I can't -- that's all I can say, I was sucking air. I was like just trying to get it close to the hole and give myself a chance and do nothing stupid, and fortunately I didn't do anything stupid, but I didn't make any putts. So yeah, I was -- it was hard work into the last.

Q. And the one on 14 -- because you had a pretty good look at birdie on 14, the short one.



DAVID McKENZIE: Yeah, I hit it --

Q. And it slid by just a little bit.

DAVID McKENZIE: The one where I had a good look, it actually hit the hole that I thought was in, was 13, the par 3. So I had a good -- the other ones I thought I hit them where I needed to, but they just didn't break that way. And then 15, again I was sucking air and --

Q. The pitch, too, right?

DAVID McKENZIE: Left it short by three feet. And then when I played 16, just got -- the putt bounced on me. And then I think I hit it soft anyway, but Stephen did the exact same putt. His putt bounced, too. So I don't know.

And then I had a chance on 18, misread it.

And 17, I hit another putt and misread it too. So I was happy just to get it close to the hole. Like I said, I was sucking air.

Q. Did you feel like you had gotten one more, got to post a 14, that at least you could have put a little pressure on him?

DAVID McKENZIE: I wasn't really thinking about that. I was just trying to stop sucking air. So I was just trying to hit as many good shots as I could and just -- it sounds stupid, but I was just trying to play one shot at a time. Because as soon as you start to do -- I wasn't playing well enough to feel like I could push, but at the same time I was playing well enough that I could not do too much stupid.

