

CLUB CAR CHAMPIONSHIP
at The Landings Golf & Athletic Club

ROUND 4 INTERVIEW
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DAVID SKINNS (-17)



Q. David, can you take us through your emotions right now finally as the winner?

DAVID SKINNS: Oh, yeah, I don't know, just letting it all soak in really. It was a tough day. When you're sitting on the lead and you get to sleep on it, it's a little different to the last time I won.

Yeah, I was just pleased with the way I came out this morning. Came out with a good attitude of kind of attacking early. Yeah, just a great day. And having my family here made it just incredible.

Q. I was going to ask, they ran up onto the green after the last putt went in, how special was that?

DAVID SKINNS: My wife's been talking about that for a while, I think since my first win she's been like, man, it would be great if you could have that moment with us all there. We finally got it and I'm so happy they were here.

Q. We talked a little bit yesterday about Omaha, you said you didn't really feel many nerves that week. Today coming in with the lead, did any nerves kick in for you?

DAVID SKINNS: Yeah, little. I mean, it's probably natural it's going to happen no matter how many times you've won. So yeah, a little bit, but the more times you're there, the easier it becomes. Yeah, I was able to keep it under control and kind of enjoy it. It's something you can use towards the end of a round to give you a little extra boost.

Q. How's that walk coming up 18 knowing it's a two-putt, you're a winner and then walk off?

DAVID SKINNS: Well, I didn't know that because I was convinced Tom was going to chip in for eagle, so I was still focused and that's why I was aggressive on my wedge shot here. I've seen Tom chip before so I thought he was going to make eagle, so I was thinking I had to make birdie and that was my goal standing in the fairway. So I didn't really get to enjoy it until Tom had hit it up there close and I could just two-putt it in.

Q. Originally from England, but now you call the state of Georgia home. How special was it to get your first Korn Ferry Tour win in your home state and also with your



family?

DAVID SKINNS: Yeah, you said it. I mean, there's only one tournament a year in my home state, so yeah, it was incredible. You circle this one on the calendar. There's a couple I circle every year and this is one that was always going to be high on the list for me. To get it done here and to have Kristin and the boys be able to come down was a dream come true really, to be honest. That's the only thing I can say.

Q. What was it about this Deer Creek course that helped you bring out your best game?

DAVID SKINNS: It's pretty positional off the tee, you don't have to hit a bunch of drivers. You can if you want to, but with it being firm and the wind direction this week, I was able to lean on being pretty accurate with my 3-wood and my 2-iron. From there, from the fairway you've just got to be smart because the greens are so quick and the falloffs each side are so severe, you've just got to be smart, and I did a great job of keeping it on the right side of the hole all week.

Q. With the win, obviously 500 points, shooting up the points list, how much does that help mentality moving forward the rest of the KFT season?

DAVID SKINNS: Yeah, I was already in a pretty good spot, I'm 30th after four events. I think that's the best I've ever been so I was feeling good going into this week. We've got a run of tournaments coming up and I was just trying to give myself an opportunity to take a week off somewhere and not feel like I had to play every week. So yeah, just getting that jump up the points list is huge for me.

Q. They saw you make that putt and then your family comes up and greets you. Describe to us your emotions at that moment.

DAVID SKINNS: Indescribable, something I've dreamt about since Kristin and I got married probably. It's something that you see on TV all the time and you see guys have that moment, and to have that finally be me was indescribable. I couldn't do it justice and I'm going to treasure it for the rest of my life.

Q. Kind of a funny story about your boys, right? They were supposed to have a baseball game, thought it was going to be called off and then when they're headed down here they found out the game's on again?

DAVID SKINNS: Right, exactly. Kristin made the spontaneous decision when it was canceled to make the five-hour drive down here, which isn't like her, so I was proud of her for making that decision.

Then I got an email 30 minutes after they set off saying the game's back on, sorry. But then Bennett was the one who had the game, my middle one, and we asked him what do you



want to do. You ask a 5-year-old if you want to go on a trip or you want to stay home, he's going to pick the trip every time.

Yeah, it couldn't have worked out better. They managed to win the baseball game without him, so that was good. Yeah, just worked out so great.

Q. During the ceremony you told the crowd about how this event has distinguished itself with the players. Could you just kind of revisit that?

DAVID SKINNS: Yeah, yeah, exactly what I said. I think if you took a poll, it would be on everyone's top 3 just from quality of golf course to the quality of the crowds, the support, the area. It's got everything you want for a championship event and it's proven it this week. The course showed out amazingly, it's definitely one of the best venues we play each year and the tournament just keeps getting better and better and better. It's definitely very close to the top of the list, for sure.

Q. And the first five years it's put together a pretty decent list of champions, a lot of these guys have gone on to do well on the PGA TOUR. What's it like to join that group?

DAVID SKINNS: Yeah, honored. I know the guys who have won here and yeah, like you've said, they've done great things. You've got to play well to win here, you can't fake it, you've got to hit it where you're looking. Yeah, hopefully I can follow Sam Burns a little.

