

## VERITEX BANK CHAMPIONSHIP

### ROUND 4 INTERVIEW

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### SPENCER LEVIN (-20)



**Q. Spencer, I know you kind of already discussed this, but you got a PGA TOUR-sanctioned win after Monday qualifying this week. Just walk me through how the emotions are right now?**

**SPENCER LEVIN:** It kind of really hasn't hit me yet. I feel very surprised. Like wouldn't say very surprised, but I feel it's a lot at once. I've heard guys say when they get their first win, they weren't really expecting it and this is another case.

But I feel great. I've played in so many of these things now and I don't know, it's kind of weird. It's like you don't -- like you just don't ever know when it's going to happen. There were times before I thought it would happen, it didn't, and today it did. So it was just my time.

I was playing great, I was hitting it great all week. I knew kind of like we were talking earlier like halfway through the Monday, you've always got to go so low in those things, but I was hoping I would get in just because I knew I was playing really well. And once I got in, I knew I was going to play well this week. I didn't know I was going to win, like I said, but I knew I was going to play well.

I've been hitting it great all week and then today was no different. I got a great break on 10 and took advantage of it and made birdie. Other than that, I played great. So it was just a great week all the way around for me and I couldn't ask for more.

**Q. Coming into the day six strokes back, at what point did you realize I'm in this thing and I have an opportunity to win?**

**SPENCER LEVIN:** Yeah, I kept looking at the board on the front nine and I saw that Brett, I think he made a bogey early so he was at like 17 and I made a couple birdies early to get it to like 14. Then I just kept telling my caddie, we've got to catch the leader, catch the leader. I turned in 4 under and then birdied 10, 11, to get 6 under, so right about then I knew it was pretty close.

Then when I got to the 13th green I saw that I was tied with Brett, but I knew I was probably going to at least have to make another birdie, probably a couple because got the finishing hole here and obviously he was playing great.

Yeah, I kind of knew I had a chance making the turn. I kind of thought I was going to have to make eagle here on 18 to win because I didn't know Brett had bogeyed 17. He almost



eagled here, though. I was watching -- all my buddies were congratulating me. I said, I don't know, not quite yet, this guy's a million under par, he's probably got a chance to make this, and he almost did. Thankfully for me, he didn't and I'm just very happy and I couldn't ask for more.

**Q. If you had told yourself at the very start of your pro career it's going to take X amount of years and days, what would you have told yourself?**

**SPENCER LEVIN:** Yeah, I don't even know if I would have wanted to keep doing it. It's been a long time, but it's something I've always done. I think every pro golfer will tell you that regardless if they haven't done it, if they have a little bit of belief in them, they always kind of picture the day happening and I've been picturing a day like this for a long time. It's nice that it finally happened.

**Q. You didn't really have a set schedule for this season and that all changes, so when you leave here you're booking straight to LECOM. What's the plan?**

**SPENCER LEVIN:** Yeah, I'm going -- I was going to go home unless I top 25'd, but I'm going to Florida. So I'm going to get my buddy to caddie next week, hopefully he can do it because he lives here. We'll see if he can't do it next week too. I hope he can. I'm heading east instead of west, but I'm going to FaceTime my girlfriend and my kids and say hi and all that good stuff. I'm just happy, I couldn't be happier, I couldn't be more grateful and I'm just looking forward to the rest of the year.

**Q. After LECOM, you have a full season ahead. How does that feel knowing you have a full season locked in, no more having to go to Mondays, no more having to --**

**SPENCER LEVIN:** Sure, it feels great because at Q-School Finals last year I missed by one shot, I bogeyed the last hole. So it wasn't great. It was nice to have some status, but everybody's like that's all right, you'll get some starts. But sure, in the back of your mind you're still thinking about that bogey. That bogey's history now with that birdie here on 18, so I'll be thinking about this instead of that.

**Q. We talked to you on Tuesday and Kevin asked you about why do you keep doing this and you said I believe I'm still good enough. Is this validation?**

**SPENCER LEVIN:** Yeah.

**Q. Is it a win or you did not need a win to tell you that you were doing it right?**

**SPENCER LEVIN:** Well, regardless, I was still going to keep playing. I was still going to keep trying to play. As long as I have a tournament to play in, I'm going to show up.

I think it's definitely validation. I didn't know I was going to win when I said that, but I guess it proves what I said is right.



**Q. This course, was there anything about this course in particular that you felt like suited you in the conditions this week and kind of early in the week did you feel that --**

**SPENCER LEVIN:** Yeah, totally. The fairways were really firm and for me, I'm not really a high ball hitter, not really a long hitter, but I hit a lot of fairways. So I knew that if I played my game with my driver, I could still get it out there with the guys just because the ball would roll forever. Usually when it's this firm, even though the holes are wide, it actually makes it play tighter because of the firmness. Anytime a course is firm and windy I always feel comfortable on that just because of my ball flight and how I control the ball.

There were a lot of conditions -- I mean, these conditions were very -- I was very happy with. Once guys were talking about how much it was firming up on Friday, I just kind of nodded, I was like all right, yeah. They were saying how crazy it was, they were getting pretty firm, but I knew in the back of my mind I was very comfortable with that.

**Q. Is that the type of golf like from when you were a kid you've always enjoyed this type of golf?**

**SPENCER LEVIN:** You know, I don't know. It's funny, I've always played well in Texas. I've always been a good Texas player since junior golf, won a college tournament here, played well in the Korn Ferrys here, played well in Tour events here in the States. I've always been a good Texas player and this is my best tournament ever in Texas so far. God bless Texas.

**Q. What do you remember about your last win? When would your last win have been?**

**SPENCER LEVIN:** I think my last professional win, I think it was like -- I think it was 15 years ago, 15 or 16 years ago on the Canadian Tour. Man, that is crazy. I don't know, that's a trip to think about that. There's been a couple miles in between then and now. But we're starting new, last win was a few minutes ago.

**Q. How have you kind of I guess grown and evolved since then, like since your last win?**

**SPENCER LEVIN:** There's been so many ups and downs, I don't know, man. I really don't know. I think it was just a matter of just if you keep playing and you keep working at it and you keep having tournaments to play in, something good's going to happen and today's proof of that.

**Q. What has kept you going through the years?**

**SPENCER LEVIN:** Well, it's the only thing I've ever done and I know somewhere in me I can still play like we talked about earlier. I just don't really know how to do anything else, so I've got a lot better chance making money doing this than anything else. I just figured



something good was going to happen and thankfully today it did.

**Q. What does it feel like just to win?**

**SPENCER LEVIN:** That's the thing, I haven't done it in over 15 years. It feels great. All the work and the thoughts and everything I've been putting into it the last couple years trying to get my game back is all worth it now. It feels great and I can't really describe it much more than that, but it feels great.

**Q. Key club in the bag this week?**

**SPENCER LEVIN:** I'd say the putter. Yeah, I don't think anybody's going to win a tournament anywhere nowadays in professional golf without putting well. I putted really well this week for me. Maybe not for some guys, but I putted really well.

**Q. A fan question, your beverage of course tonight?**

**SPENCER LEVIN:** I'm dry. I haven't had a beer, I haven't had a drink in over two years, so going to do some type of nonalcoholic beverage. I'm the designated driver these days and tonight will be no different. It will be fun to see my friends enjoy it, that will be cool. I'll enjoy it, too.

**Q. And lastly from me, just a couple weeks ago in Chile with Daniel, what a great moment there.**

**SPENCER LEVIN:** Yeah.

**Q. How cool is it to like -- you mentioned at the time having like a renewed perspective and carrying that right through?**

**SPENCER LEVIN:** Yeah, ever since -- I don't know, that day we didn't even know like we were going there that day. They just told us we were going to do a junior clinic. I just figured we were going to go offsite to another course and we would have a translator help you with the junior players.

The second we were kind of driving in the city and we get out of the car and we go in there, it was like whoa, it just kind of hits you. That was the first time I had ever been to a children's hospital and it was -- it definitely meant a lot to me and I don't know, it was great. I had such a great day and ever since then I've kind of -- must have clicked something in my brain. Yeah, I hope Danny's doing good.

**Q. (Inaudible) is that the longest three feet, the shortest three feet? Describe what that three-footer was.**

**SPENCER LEVIN:** I don't know, I've had -- I've been struggling the last couple years. That's



the thing that's kind of held me back has been my putter. I usually always hit it pretty well and I've been hitting it well the last couple years and just my putter's been tough. Those putts can get a little tough.

They talk the older you get sometimes and I don't want to use the word, but it was getting that way for a while. But I've changed up my style, which has helped. But that little putt right there, the weird thing about it is I was looking at the hole all week. On my short putts all week, I was looking at the hole, looking at the hole. I got over that one and I don't know what I did but I forgot to look at the hole and I just hit it and it went in. I don't know, I was just ready to go because I would set up and look at the hole and putt and that one I set up and I just putted and I was like oh, crap, what'd I do? And it went in.

It wasn't like oh, crap, what'd I do. I felt good over it honestly. I felt calm all day, a lot calmer than I have in the past in situations where I have a chance to win. I don't know what it was, but something kind of came over me where I felt pretty good about everything and I didn't really have any doubt on that one. I was nervous, sure, but I told myself you're playing well, you're going to make it and I made it.

