

ROUND 3 QUOTES
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SKIP KENDALL (-4)

Q. So you end the week fairly strong, that's a fairly good score on a day like today. How do you assess it?

SKIP KENDALL: It was tough. I played good. I felt like I left some out there on the back side, but yeah, hit some -- a couple of nice two-putts on the last two greens from really long range, so really happy I was able to convert those and get it in the house anyway.

Q. Does this potentially open any doors for playing down the road do you think?

SKIP KENDALL: Doubtful. I'm going to be busy and, you know, getting a sponsor's exemption is kind of like getting a golden ticket, so it's hard. And I don't see myself going to really try to four spot or three spot now. Maybe the ones in Florida. I know there's one like in Jacksonville like in October, Jim Furyk's tournament. You know, I'm not going to -- my days of chasing it are over.

Q. Did you try Senior Open qualifying?

SKIP KENDALL: I did, yeah. I missed in Ocala.

Q. What did you get out of this week? To us the finish is -- looks as good as we've seen in several years.

SKIP KENDALL: Really, honestly, for not playing, you know, I feel like I can still compete out here. Like I said, I did leave some out there. I know if I was playing week in, week out, maybe that wouldn't have happened. Maybe it would have, maybe it wouldn't, but I don't think it would have.

It's a nice feeling knowing that I still can compete with these guys and it's a great week to come out and see everyone, honestly. I mean, Steve gets a great field here and I owe him a lot for always having me come back here and play. Certainly made -- always helps me out.

Q. When you say left some out there, is that short game stuff or a couple mental mistakes?

SKIP KENDALL: Yeah, it was probably more wedge play. I had it right in front of the green on 15 and, you know, thought I hit actually a very good shot, ended up about 15 feet short and didn't convert.

And 16, you know, green high, pin high in two and I have probably the easiest bunker shot in

the history of mankind and didn't get it up and down. That feels like a bogey on that hole today because it's playing very short, basically a par 4. You know, didn't come away with those couple birdies down the stretch there. But again, I had two really nice two-putts on the last two holes. I had about 160 feet of putt feet there the last two greens, so that was nice.

Q. You had mentioned this week you have a club in your hand, you know, kind of gets you ready for -- the other way, how does doing this week either help or add to when you go back to teaching and instructing?

SKIP KENDALL: Well, I think it adds -- especially a lot of my juniors now that they know I can still play. They don't get to see me play really because even when we've gone on course, they're playing, I'm not usually playing. So I think it adds a lot of credibility to what I'm doing. I'm teaching, I'm doing two schools on Tuesday in Milwaukee and I'm actually teaching tomorrow in Milwaukee, a couple of individuals.

Anyway, I'll be back at it. Playing-wise, I don't know what I'm going to do as far as that's concerned.

Q. That said, these seven or eight years at University Ridge have been kind of cool for your generation, you, Jerry, Steve to be able to -- and Andy for that matter because he never really had a hometown event when he turned 50. As you look back on these seven years here, I mean, how appreciative are you of the fact that you got to kind of ride out a career in front of your home state fans?

SKIP KENDALL: Yeah, really cool. This has been just a dynamite tournament helping so many people, so many beneficiaries that come away from this event that are better off today because of the event. And thank you to AmFam and Steve and what they've done, it's just phenomenal.

For me, yeah, coming home and playing in front of the home crowd, even though it's not Milwaukee, it's home state and you get a lot of support. It's fun. A lot of interaction when I'm out there, so it's a lot of fun. It's been great.