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**STEPHEN AMES**



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**Q. Stephen, obviously a nice historic place we're coming back to this week. Did you have a lot of experience here with the Buick Open?**

**STEPHEN AMES:** Oh, yes. This was actually one of my favorite stops when we played here back on the PGA TOUR. A lot of good crowds, a lot of great local support, which is always fun when you come back to these places.

**Q. As far as the golf course goes, it suits your game? Is it something you feel comfortable on?**

**STEPHEN AMES:** I do. In the past -- funny enough, this is the first time I think I've seen it in years where it's actually running and firm. We've always missed that because we've always talked about if we ever got this golf course where it was firm and running, it would be such a fun place to play, and this week, fortunately for us, the weather's cooperated over the last couple weeks and coming into here and we have a nice, firm golf course. The greens are extremely fast and it's nice and firm, too. Going to be a lot of fun.

**Q. You're obviously (inaudible) just can you kind of put it into words how you feel about (inaudible)?**

**STEPHEN AMES:** Tired. How about that one? That's why I'm taking -- I'm actually taking three weeks off after this. Yeah, it's been a really good season so far, I've enjoyed every minute of it. My goal at the end of last year was to be a little bit more consistent and I think that has actually shown because I've actually knocked on the door 13 times this year with three wins, so I'm very happy with the way my season's gone so far.