

ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES
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SAM STEVENS (-9)



Q. Just saw the kids, they said nice playing, or do they say that every round?

SAM STEVENS: No, no, they're a tough crowd to please. Yeah, it's good when they tell me "good playing." Made a lot of circles out there today. They like it when I make the circles. It was a fun round. And I think my last competitive round, the final round at the Scottish, I made zero birdies so today was better.

Q. How stress free did it seem? You mentioned it was fun.

SAM STEVENS: Yeah, there wasn't hardly any wind. We were playing it up in the fairways and the greens are really, really good. On top of that, our group, we kind of all were playing pretty good the whole round so it was just like good mojo. Yeah, up until 18 I think I hadn't really even thought that I was playing that good.

Q. We had a lot of rain yesterday. How's the course holding up?

SAM STEVENS: Yeah, it's still in really good shape. Like I said, we had to play it up. There's definitely some mud in the fairways, but we're playing it up so that's not a problem. And the greens here are pure every year, so more of the same this year.

Q. Did you feel a low one coming the way you've been playing?

SAM STEVENS: Yeah, I've been playing pretty good. My irons have been not that great this year, but I feel like over the last month or so they've been a little better, and normally I drive it pretty good and I feel pretty good about my chipping and putting. I don't know what the stats will say today. I chipped it really well today and I made a few nice putts, but I gave myself a few more looks than I normally do, and like I said, I've been feeling good about my irons, or better about my irons the last month, month and a half, so nice to have some rounds like today.

Q. What did you do last week after the Scottish?

SAM STEVENS: I ended up being first alternate for the British, so I went over to Northern Ireland and hung out there. Ended up not getting in, so stayed there through Thursday night and flew home Friday and came up here with my family on Sunday afternoon.

Q. How was the experience of just being there?

SAM STEVENS: It was, well, cool. Wish I could have played. Yeah, it was a really cool



course, getting to play. And getting to hang out in player dining all day on Thursday wasn't the most fun experience, but maybe I'll be over there next year.

Q. Can you talk about coming off of last week and now adjusting to more soft greens here? Is there any adjustments or anything?

SAM STEVENS: I mean, we're very used to playing it soft like this so when we get tournaments like -- I didn't play last week, but the Scottish Open or the British Open, you had to do a lot more adjusting going to that. But when you come back, I mean there's a little bit of difference but everyone's pretty used to the ball kind of flies and stops where it lands. You know, maybe some guys have to adjust more.

This course, it's a great course but it's pretty straightforward, not a whole lot of adjustments, just sort of point and shoot and make as many birdies as you can.

Q. (No microphone.)

SAM STEVENS: Yeah, 14's a good hole with the water on the left there. Like I said, I've been driving it pretty good, I think I'm thinking of the right hole. Yeah, I cut it off the water there with a 3-wood and then the pin was right on the front and I got -- part of going low is getting some good numbers on the approach shots and feeling like you can hit them close. Had a pretty good number to hit just a smooth pitching wedge there. Yeah, I hit it to like five or six feet and made the putt, which is nice. Yeah, that was great. I don't have a whole lot of low rounds. I think my strength is normally to be pretty steady and pretty -- just kind of plod along. So to have rounds like today is nice. I think this is my lowest round ever. Actually, I know this is my lowest round ever on the PGA TOUR. So yeah, I'm very excited.

Q. How many kids do you have here?

SAM STEVENS: I have all four. We've got four boys, all under 7. Everyone slept pretty good last night, so that was a good way to start today.

Q. How often do they come out here with you?

SAM STEVENS: Our youngest is just over a month, so this is the first time since he's been born that they've traveled with me. They came out a decent amount to start the year. They're over there right now. Yeah, maybe they should come out a little more often if I keep playing like this, right?

Q. Was 59 on your mind at all?

SAM STEVENS: A little bit. When I hit -- I made the putt on 16 to go to 10 and then I didn't hit a very good iron shot on 17, but I had about a 30-footer and I almost made it. I was like, dang, that would have been nice.



And then 18 I had a good drive and I probably made the decision trying to shoot 59 because I was in between -- I have a pretty big gap between my 3-iron and my 3-wood, and I hit a terrible shot but I thought if I hit a 3-wood, it was just going to fly to the back of the green, and I kind of had to hit a 3-iron perfect to even cover the water. But I figured that was my best chance to shoot 59, so I gave it a go. Didn't hit a good shot, but made a nice up-and-down for 6, so I guess that's a positive. Yeah, not the best way to finish the round, but gave it a crack.

Q. What was the best chip?

SAM STEVENS: I chipped in on, I chipped in on 12, or 13, the par-3. That was a nice --

Q. Club that you used?

SAM STEVENS: A little lob wedge. Just pitched it in, yeah.

