

CHRYSLER CHAMPIONSHIP
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Second-round quotes

AN INTERVIEW WITH STEVE LOWERY

CHRIS REIMER: We have Steve Lowery with us, if you can start talking about the back nine there, 30 on the back 9 to get you at least in the clubhouse lead now.

It got kind of hot there, you sank some good putts.

STEVE LOWERY: Yes, I did. I got a good start there on 10 and drove it in the fairway a lot on the back 9. I made a long putt there on 10, probably 25 feet, I guess.

11, I had a sand wedge in there about three feet.

12, I probably made about an 18-foot putt I guess, something like that.

CHRIS REIMER: 109 on the Money List, this week would be advantageous to end your season. So I'm sure your looking forward to getting out there this week.

STEVE LOWERY: Yes, it's been a lot more fun. I started to play a lot better toward the end of the year. It's more fun. I felt a lot more competitive, so it's been nice the last six or seven weeks.

CHRIS REIMER: How is the course playing today?

STEVE LOWERY: It's a great golf course. It's very tough. If you're in the fairway, obviously, you can shoot some good scores. But, I mean, it's pretty penal up here in that rough, around the greens, and all of that, it's tough, it's tough in the rough.

CHRIS REIMER: You've done fairly well in your career as a leader going into Saturday, or a co-leader, is there a different strategy to that, or do you basically keep playing the same golf.

STEVE LOWERY: Yes, you keep playing the same golf. You obviously get a few breaks to be leading anyway. So, hopefully, you can get a few on the weekend.

CHRIS REIMER: Take some questions.

Q. Steve, I noticed that you did have a rough start to the year, what was the problem and how gratifying is it to bounce back the way you did after not making a cut for a while?

STEVE LOWERY: Yes, I ended 2004 on a down note and started this year poorly, so I basically had to kind of figure out what I was good to do to improve. I really started improving my

driving, and I have been working on my putting a lot. So those two things have come around, driving it in the fairway more and putting better.

Q. So you were just going through a tough stretch for, I guess, you missed eight straight?
STEVE LOWERY: No, I missed 11 out of 12, something like that. Yes, it was not fun.

Q. If you don't mind being asking, Steve, how do you work on your putting?
STEVE LOWERY: Well --

Q. They either go in or though don't?
STEVE LOWERY: No. I think there is more to it than that. There is a mental aspect of it. There is also the stroke and the practice putting in the time on the practice green. So just a combination of all three of those actually.

Q. It doesn't seem like, just to our eyes, or the public's eyes, that the stroke doesn't look as bad or is in need of fixing as it would for say the longer shots?
STEVE LOWERY: Yes, but they count just as much as longer shots.

Q. I wonder if the fix is like that. Or if it is something only you can see?
STEVE LOWERY: Yes, a lot of it's just like the long game, the ball position, the distance from the ball, your stance, and that type of thing. A lot of that is just the things that you've done in the past, you go back and look at tapes where you've putted well, that type of thing, see where the ball is, where the ball position is, that type of thing.

Q. When were you out of sync?
STEVE LOWERY: I was probably standing too far from it.

Q. Was it difficult at all to have patience through that stretch, or did you just figure I got to persevere and I will get through this when you were missing all of those cuts? Obviously you turned it on here towards the end the last month or six weeks.

STEVE LOWERY: Yes, yes, it is tough when you are not playing well, you don't think you'll ever play good again. And when you're playing good, you don't think you'll every play bad again. That's way golf is. That was a stretch that I haven't had in my career. I don't think I ever missed that many cuts in a row. It was a wake-up call. I had to start practicing harder and recommit myself to improving and it took a long time really to get it going. My confidence and everything.

Q. When is the last time you went to Q-School?
STEVE LOWERY: Let's see, '91, I think.

Q. Until Vegas I wouldn't think --
STEVE LOWERY: I was entered.

Q. When was the last time you filled out an application?
STEVE LOWERY: This year. I mean this was the first time since --

Q. Early 90's?

STEVE LOWERY: Yes.

Q. What kind of jolt was that?

STEVE LOWERY: You know I love to play golf. I was going to embrace it and go after it. I wasn't going to whine and complain about it. I think I would have gone there trying to win. I don't know if I would have done very well but I would have gone to try to win it. I enjoy playing golf. I don't complain too much.

Q. I guess what I was curious, was there any kind of -- not fear, or any type of a nervousness, that having to do this, I've always been have secure what I'm doing out here.

STEVE LOWERY: I've got vivid memories. I went nine times, so I know exactly what it's all about. You know, it's not something that you want to do. But I mean certainly I would have done it.

CHRIS REIMER: Playing this well at the end of the year, is it nice to have some momentum going into next year, do you kind of wish the season wasn't ending right now.

STEVE LOWERY: Yes, I am, I'm playing well. I'd like to find some other things to play golf, to play in, because I am playing well. It's a lot better going into the off season knowing that you turned it around and work on it during the off season.

CHRIS REIMER: Better than last year?

STEVE LOWERY: Yes, absolutely.

Q. Was there a tournament or a moment when there was little bit of a burden lifted this year when you realized I am going to make it, I'm not going to have to go back to Q-School?

STEVE LOWERY: Yes, I think in Vegas I was 125 on the Money List, and I was in contention, and I didn't win, but I think I finished eighth there. I knew then that I made enough money to be exempt next year.

But I think obviously, I always try to win and try to win the golf tournaments. I don't know if 125 is ever a goal. It's kind of a consolation, I guess. You try to win and finish in the Top-30, and do all of the things that you would like to do. Obviously, you have to be exempt to be able to play. I don't know if that's a goal.

Q. Steve, when you are going through a bad rut like that, you're certainly not the first guy that's gone through that, do you reach a point where you go to a tournament and you're not trying to win, realistically you know you're not going to win that week, you're just trying to get it pointed in the right direction?

STEVE LOWERY: Well, I mean I think I go home when I'm that bad. I just go home and take some time off and try to get my game to the point -- because you never know, you go out there and have a good first couple of rounds and you're in contention, you do have a chance to win.

There is not that much difference between making a cut by a couple of shots and winning. Guys are winning making the cut on the nose and stuff like that. You never go out there just trying to make the cut, so I think you go out there to try to win the tournament. You try to hit the shots. You have to go for par-5s when you've got a reasonable shots. And you have to hit it at the pin when you have the scoring clubs. To me, that's how you try to win the tournament. I don't think I ever go out there and aim from the pin with a sand wedge in my hand or something.

Q. I think it was more a question towards confidence.

STEVE LOWERY: There was a lot of times that I didn't feel like I was going to win. I don't know. It's a tough one there. Because you kind of condition yourself to play, to be in contention to win. When your game is not there it's frustrating because you can't seem to get it in the fairway. You can't, you know, you can't do it.

Q. When was The International win, '03?

STEVE LOWERY: You know, I actually finished second then. '94 is when I won The International. Rich Beem won then. I won the Southern in 2000 and the International in '94. So 2000 was the last win.

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CHRIS REIMER: Thanks.

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