

Cognizant Classic

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Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, USA

PGA National Champion Course

David Skinns

Quick Quotes

Q. Another solid day for you out there. How happy were you with the performance and where your game was?

DAVID SKINNS: Yeah, really pleased. Started out well, birdie on the 1st. Saw a couple putts go in early, which is always nice. Yeah, played solid. Just kind of had to lean on my short game a little at times, but was really pleased with the way I played all around.

Q. You've been a pro out here a long time, but this is new success for you on the TOUR. Did you find yourself down the stretch feeling nerves, feeling the juices of it?

DAVID SKINNS: Yeah, I wouldn't say nerves, I've just been waiting a long time to be in this spot. It's more I'm excited to be here. I'm trying to make every moment as good as it can be. I'm just really excited.

Q. It seemed like you knew right away that second shot on 18 probably wasn't what you wanted it to be. How happy were you that you could recover that and get in with a tie --

DAVID SKINNS: Yeah, I was right in between clubs. I tried to hit the shorter one and hit it as hard as I could, and I just thinned it but got away with it, fortunately.

Had a great lie in the bunker, and as soon as I saw it was in the bunker, I knew I'd have a chance to get it up-and-down, and I hit a really good bunker shot, did exactly what I was hoping it would do.

Q. Is this kind of what you're looking for at this stage of your career, just to put yourself right in contention and try to get that win?

DAVID SKINNS: Yeah, every week everyone out here is trying to do that. That's why we play. You want to feel those juices. You want to be there on Sunday. That's why you put in all those hours when nobody is watching, and I've put in a lot of hours, and I'm pleased I get to see what



it will be like on Sunday.

Q. Has the belief always been there you could do this?

DAVID SKINNS: Yeah, absolutely. It's what I do for a living, and I've done it for a long time. I've gotten gradually better at it. Hopefully I can get a little better some more tomorrow.

Q. What do you think this night will be like going into tomorrow? Do you change routine or try to keep things consistent?

DAVID SKINNS: No, no change at all. Get to sleep in a little if they can go twosomes off 1. But yeah, just the same thing. Just have a chill morning. I've got my wife and kids here, so the kids will take up some time in the morning and then we'll come out and do what we always do.

Q. How much has it helped to have them here with you?

DAVID SKINNS: Yeah, it's great. They don't come out very much, so it's always great when they do. They actually made it Savannah last year when I won on the Korn Ferry TOUR. They were there for that. I love playing in front of them. They're the reason that I work as hard as I do, and we'll try to give them a show tomorrow.

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