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Steve as this week unfolded and the tournament starting going on I got a sense that there was some unfinished business after the playoff last year. Was that the case?
Yeah, I wanted to come out today. It's a hard day, it's been a long time, I hate crying, but where I was last November even to a couple of months ago. To come full circle here and come out and get a W it means a lot. I tried to come out today, be aggressive and build that lead. You tell yourself that and then when it comes down to hitting the shots, well you know. I got away with a couple of shots, my short game saved me, I made a couple of really clutch up and down saves. I was in the balance all the way until 17, I made some shots on the last couple of holes and holing one out of the bunker was a huge relief.

Going back to November with the health issues there. For you to come back and play the way you have the last three weeks, starting in Houston, then to Atlanta and now to Regions. Could you imagine or script a story any better than this right now?
No, no. I didn't know what to expect coming out three weeks ago, I didn't know if I could make it three weeks in a row. My body is feeling not too bad, I need to get some more strength and put on some more weight. I have to thank Dutch for helping me out, Julie for helping me out, and then my family being there with me all the time and all the love and support they've given me to help me get back here.

Speaking of your family, I saw your wife Nikki crying a bit as she walked up 18. There's been a lot of wins in your trophy case but to have your wife Nikki on the bag, this has to be one of the best wins of your career?
It really is. A major out here, we're always gunning for one of these. It's a special spot here in Birmingham and I look forward to coming here. To have Nikki here it means a lot, we had the kids out the first week and that meant a lot, then it was just the two of us and we had a great time. I'm looking forward to getting stronger and healthier and keeping this train rolling.