

REGIONS TRADITION CHAMPIONSHIP SUNDAY | DOUG BARRON - CHAMPION

Q: Doug Barron, congratulations, your third win on the PJ Tour of Champions. Four birdies, no bogeys today, playing with two Hall of Famers. Could you have written this script any better than that? >>

Barron: No, I slept decent last night but I woke up at four in the morning. I sleep to a lot of meditation stuff. But I'm gonna tell you, it was an emotional day, cause I didn't have my best stuff. Between Stricker and Patrick and Ernie, I just didn't know what to expect. Cause, I figured, you know, someone would shoot nine under and Stephen Awker of course did it, as he usually does, but I played. I made pars, and I stroked it good. I got one of the best button lessons from my coach back home, Jonathan Fly, last week and I really got my putter going. I felt like I could make an eight-footer again and it was huge, I didn't hit many fairways; I hardly missed a fairway coming in today. I felt like I was in Hartford again when I led after 54 holes as a rookie. Today was just a dream come true to beat all these great players. I mean, to even get the pairing. They're world-class players, but they're even better people. That's what I would tell you, too.

Q: I know that a couple of years ago when you won at Calgary, you thought that you could win Major Championships on this tour. It's like Glen and Watkins said just a minute ago, you went out and beat these guys.

Barron: It's just an emotional day. The last four holes were really hard for me. I had to leave the cart. I walked the front, and I rode a few holes on the back. I just decided to walk. I got all the people, it was a little great walk. I needed some energy. So it was a great day and I hit a lot of good shots coming down the stretch. I had my putter, and thought if I just hit it 30, 40 feet I could win it. I did look at the scoreboard on 16 and just after I missed that fairway, and I was like okay I got the job done. So I was excited about my play and I'm ready to keep it going. It was fun. When I came out here, I dreamed of winning Majors because I was never a factor in Major on the PGA Tour. So, it is a dream come true.