

Simply One Of The Best In The Game

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The 68th Masters Tournament in Augusta, Georgia finished with a thrilling victory. Phil Mickelson sunk an 18 foot putt on the 18th hole and clinched the victory. While watching the round of golf with family, it was obvious that Phil Mickelson was favored to win. He was a consistent great golfer, however, he was 0 for 42 in the major tournaments (in simple terms, he hadn't won a single victory in the 42 major tournaments he played in).

But when you watched Phil Mickelson in the final round of the Masters Tournament you would have seen a man with a quiet confidence and an expression of deep passion for the sport. Phil had a look of certainty on his face. Did he know for certain he would win? It sure looked like it. By the 12th hole he was 3 strokes back of the current leader, but he continued with confidence and maintained a smile on his face. In an interview after the game, he said that he knew he had a chance to win when he was on the 12th hole, if he birdied the next two holes. If he did, he would only be one stroke behind.

Mickelson did not start the final round of the tournament with a clear lead. He tied it up with only 2 holes remaining in the final round. Being 3 strokes behind on the final 9 holes of a golf tournament could be considered a critical point where an athlete could feel an immense amount of pressure, but if you watched Mickelson he did not appear to be under pressure. He looked like he was having the time of his life (or, at least "the game of his life"). He maintained his unwavering focus and kept the smile on his face. The smile demonstrates the love for the game.

After the tournament, Fox Sports Network stated "Now, he's simply one of the best in the game. (referring to Phil Mickelson's victory)" I'd say that Phil was simply one of the best in the game before...NOW is when the world is going to recognize him as the best in the game. NOW is when the world is seeing the results of a professional athlete who is the best in the game. Mickelson is and has always been a very committed athlete. He has worked very hard to gain the respect of so many and it started at a very young age. (As a side note: If you'd like to read more about Phil Mickelson, the athlete, the husband the businessman, please go to: <http://www.phil-mickelson.com>)

Phil Mickelson is an example of a man who pursued his dream and never gave up. He's an inspiration to many. I had tears in my eyes as I watched him embrace his wife and children after the tournament. It was a real live demonstration of the "thrill of victory".

Interestingly enough, after the Masters was over, A&E's Biography featured Donald Trump. Donald Trump is another example of a man who never gives up. A couple of months ago while visiting my Mother on her birthday in Toronto, I saw Donald Trump on a talk show. He was asked how he managed to turn a 900 million dollar debt into an estimated \$5 billion net worth and he responded by saying: "You never give up." He stood up on that talk show and held up the book "On Being a Dog With a Bone" written

by Peggy McColl with the subtitle "Never Give Up On Your Dreams". Just teasing. That's my sense of humor coming through. Donald Trump did not hold up my book (I wish he did, but he didn't). He did, however, say that the reason why he turned around his potential 900 million dollar debt into a \$5 billion net worth is because he never gave up and he confirmed that is his philosophy for success. Tonight on A&E's Biography he also stated that he does as well as he does because he is doing what he loves to do. I'm convinced that "doing what you love to do" is another great secret to success. You've got to love what you do, and when you do, hard work never feels like hard work, and ultimately you live a life and have a career where you never feel like you never work a day in your life.

What's the message of this article? Find your passion and do what you love. Follow your dreams. Live your bliss. Don't let anyone take it away from you and keep focused, enjoy the journey and never, ever, ever, ever give up.

Wishing you an extraordinary month!

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