INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPT: SCOTT HOCH

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Q Low round of the year, 63, and I guess the whole group played good?

SCOTT HOCH: Yeah, we did. It was -- I think the other two guys shot 6-under each, I shot 9-under. So it was a fun day, fun day for me. I'm sure it was for them too.

Q Scott, just talk about what was the key to the round?

SCOTT HOCH: It was so bad yesterday, I had tendinitis yesterday so bad that we tried to wrap something because I didn't even know if I was going to play. I was even telling him that if he had a job later, he might want to take it. But we tried a different type of wrap and it didn't bother me. I hit everything right yesterday because I just didn't have the strength, and today was much better. I was fighting with some of the shots, but I made a few good up and downs and made a lot of putts. I mean, gosh, other than maybe the second hole, I don't think I could have done any better today. I got pretty much everything out of the round I could have.

Q How does your wrist feel now after the round?

SCOTT HOCH: It's fine. I mean, the last few holes is as good as I hit it all day. I had a lot of trouble driving yesterday. I was in the right woods yesterday and coming into the 18th hole, having a good round and knowing that I hit it dead right yesterday, that was a tough shot, but I hit it right down the middle. So I'm looking forward to tomorrow to see if it continues, and if it does I'm going to look forward to playing. Haven't played much lately and haven't been playing very well. My father passed away recently and he had Alzheimer's, so that's another thing too. I guess he's looking down and gave me a lot of good luck today. First time he's been able to watch a round of golf in a long time and luckily he saw a good one.

Q How much are you thinking about him when you're out there on the course?

SCOTT HOCH: I'm not trying. He comes into my stream of thought every now and then, but I'm not thinking about it all of the time. It would be awfully tough to play if that was the case. He loved it. He loved a lot of the guys out here. He used to travel. As a matter of fact, a lot of people said he was on tour back when I was on the regular tour. He's got a lot of friends out here that played the tour and that knew him and, you know, he would have loved to have been here on the golf course. That was his favorite place to be, but he's gone now, he's put out of his misery. Like I said, he had Alzheimer's for the last five or six years, so it was time. And I miss him, but the best thing I can do is just play well in honor of him.