



ROUND 2 INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPT: SCOTT DUNLAP
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PHIL STAMBAUGH: Scott Dunlap, 63 today matches your Champions Tour low. Awful good day, bogey-free, started with an eagle at the fourth hole. Just talk about the day overall.

SCOTT DUNLAP: Yeah, I knocked it on the back edge of the first green in two and took three to get down so that was a bit of a bummer. Then actually I had to make a good up-and-down for par on the third hole, so there wasn't really anything going gangbusters. I hit that shot -- that was the fourth hole, right?

PHIL STAMBAUGH: Yeah.

SCOTT DUNLAP: And I just see it screaming to the right. Well, you can't see the hole, so that should be okay. Marco's up on the green when I'm a hundred yards away and says, You can leave your putter. So okay, that's nice, nice two there. Then birdied the next hole.

PHIL STAMBAUGH: Details, how far was it?

SCOTT DUNLAP: It was right around a 150-yard shot. I was debating the 8 and 9 and I went with just the soft 8. I didn't know. I mean, I joked that, oh, yeah, I knew that that ball would come that far off the hill. It hit 30 feet left of the hole. It was a good sensible shot but I didn't think I had holed it. Good bumper pool on that one.

PHIL STAMBAUGH: Followed up with a birdie at the fifth.

SCOTT DUNLAP: Yeah, pitching wedge to about 15 feet. Next two holes, hit really good looking putts that didn't quite go in. And then they've got the tees forward at eight but I was hitting a 6-iron in there but hooked it way right in the bunker and hit a really good bunker shot to about eight feet and made that.

PHIL STAMBAUGH: Then we turn.

SCOTT DUNLAP: A couple good up-and-downs on 10 and 11 with two really awful wedge shots, bad numbers trying to fiddle shots that I didn't fiddle very well at all. But then kind of got right again, you know, started hitting good quality shots on the next hole, made about a 10-footer at -- that was 12?

PHIL STAMBAUGH: Yep.

SCOTT DUNLAP: Beautiful 6-iron to probably 12 feet again. At 13, pitching wedge to I'm guessing 12 feet again. And then 17, 6-iron, if you had a gun to my head, probably a 12-footer. They were almost exactly the same putts. And then knocked it on in two on 18 and two-putted from probably 45, 50 feet.

PHIL STAMBAUGH: Scott, your first time here to Snoqualmie. Did it take you very long to get used to the nuances of this course? It usually takes guys a little bit to get used to this layout.

SCOTT DUNLAP: Yes, yes and no. No because, I don't know, for whatever reason Nicklaus courses and I have come to some sort of reckoning. I always seem to know what he has in mind. But there's a little bit of mountain golf here, you've got the valley. And putts, your first look isn't exactly what it's going to do, but touch wood I've been reasonably good at figuring it out.

PHIL STAMBAUGH: We'll just go to questions.

Q. 63 (inaudible) close to that number today. Is that one of the best rounds you've ever played?

SCOTT DUNLAP: Well, it was certainly good but I played that well in, is that the second round at Boca or was that the first round?

PHIL STAMBAUGH: First round.

SCOTT DUNLAP: First round at Boca, and Michael Allen shot 60. You know, I don't know anymore. Is somebody going to put Langer on 52 alert tomorrow or whatever?

Q. The reason I ask is because it's so much better than everything else today.

SCOTT DUNLAP: The golf course, to me it feels like the same. The wind's blowing four, five miles an hour. Great round but if someone was shooting 10- or 11-under, I would go, well, okay. I mean, yeah, it didn't seem like it would be that much easier than yesterday, or more difficult, I'm sorry. Mike Goodes shot 64 yesterday so I just thought those kind of scores would be on offer again. But yeah, the putter was nice and solid today, so that always helps.

Q. There's a story here that you said you weren't sure that you could win out here until you did, and now that you have the lead in the final round, do you feel confident that you can win?

SCOTT DUNLAP: I know I can, it's just will I. You know, it will be fun. And the last few months -- few months, couple months probably, I've been playing well every week. Langer's super-human effort at the British Senior, no one else really had a thought of winning that tournament. And I played nicely at 3M but guys are 24-under

and I was playing good. So the golf's good. Winning, so many things go into winning. Is it your turn, you've got one good break, does that one putt go in instead of lip out, is it just your week. Who knows? You always look back at it at the end, but it's kind of hard to make it happen until it's over.

Q. Do you remember the last time you had a lead going into the final round at an event?

SCOTT DUNLAP: Uh-uh, no. It would have been quite a while, yeah. The two times I won on the Web.com Tour I was not leading. It probably would have been like a South American Tour event, Peru or something like that.

Q. So what will the mindset be tomorrow, any different than it was today since you're ahead or not?

SCOTT DUNLAP: Well, yeah. I mean, now that I'm in front, now you're trying to win the golf tournament and do whatever is required. That may not take another 63 likely, so now we'll play a good solid, sensible round. I mean, it's a fun golf course, too, because there are some thoughts off the tees and what you want to hit, so it's kind of interesting that way. Yeah, you'll probably make it up as you go along.

Q. I'm curious about your globetrotting ability. I think it's a bit of an ability to do it for 30-some years, all the tours, all the disappointments, up and down. What keeps you going? What kind of person does that?

SCOTT DUNLAP: Well, I have a little different take on that. The globetrotting, one, it was out of necessity because I needed to make a dollar, and two, I don't look back on any of that and think of disappointment. It was a great place to play until I was finally good enough to make the PGA TOUR and kept it viable financially enough until you did get a game that was worthy of the PGA TOUR. I've been to some places that I would have absolutely no reason to go to if it wasn't for having gone to play a golf tournament. It's been great. I think you mature much quicker than you would otherwise having to do that. Probably that maturity is what probably led to maybe the golf game being good enough to play the tour as well. No, it's all been great.

Q. Does it wear you down?

SCOTT DUNLAP: No. I mean, the only thing that wears you down is not playing well, that's what's taxing. If you're playing good or you go to the golf course each day and you think something good might happen, it doesn't always but if you think, hey, something good might happen today, it doesn't take that much out of it. Bad golf's what takes something out of you. You can sleep in, you can get over jet lag; what's that last, a day, two days? I mean, and you go places, too. It's not like you're traveling 7,000 miles every week. You go play the Asian Tour, you're kind of there. If you play in South Africa, you're there for two months. I mean, I think you might be

overrating the amount of travel, you know, but no, it's been wonderful.

Q. Do you know how many countries you've played in?

SCOTT DUNLAP: I don't. Somebody actually brought that up and I would have to stop and think. I do know in 1995 I played on every continent but Antarctica and Australia.

Q. (Inaudible.)

SCOTT DUNLAP: Yeah, exactly. Australia would have been the easy one to get to, too. But the country total would be one I should go back and figure out, for sure.

Q. But you played in Australia have you?

SCOTT DUNLAP: I have since, yeah.

Q. So you've done six of the continents?

SCOTT DUNLAP: I have, absolutely.

PHIL STAMBAUGH: Anything else for Scott? Good luck tomorrow.

SCOTT DUNLAP: Thanks.