

Scott Verplank (-13)

Q. Well, what a week, huh, except for --

SCOTT VERPLANK: Yeah, except I just didn't give myself very good chances on the back nine. But yeah, great week. This is the second year in a row I've been here. You know, come stay with the Strickers. He and I are such good buds, and his family. It's awesome. I look forward to coming back.

Q. What allowed you to kind of be there the entire day of the final day?

SCOTT VERPLANK: Well, you know what, I putted good enough to win but I didn't really drive it good enough. I just didn't get myself into enough good spots. And when I did, I hit some really bad wedge shots. I know Fred played good and it's still a tough day. Summer's already over up here apparently, so it was a pretty tough day, you wear a sweater in June.

Q. We haven't had summer yet, I think it's next Thursday.

SCOTT VERPLANK: Okay, good. I thought it was two days ago.

Q. When you see Fred do what he does today, I mean I know you're used to seeing it, but given what he came back from, backs are always iffy, but he didn't seem to miss a beat?

SCOTT VERPLANK: He always plays good. He's obviously kind of a freak for an old guy. He's loose, that's why he's been a great player for such a long time. He'll be a great champion for this event.

Q. On 16 you had a chance to pick up a shot on him. Did you know that he had parred it?

SCOTT VERPLANK: No, but I knew that I needed to make birdie there and I had a pretty good yardage. I had a good club. I just was on a downhill lie and I just hit it fat. It was just a bad shot, and I scrambled around and made a par.

But the hole before that, I had a perfect yardage, 85 yards to the hole, and I feel like I ought to be having a chance to make it and I chunked it on the front edge of the green. So I just did too much of that this week to get it done at the very end.

Q. So are you going to make Strick play 18 tomorrow or are you going to put up a recliner and just let him hit tee balls?

SCOTT VERPLANK: No, no, no, he gets to play, but he rides in a cart and wears shorts, and we play in under four hours, so he'll be good. I've got a plane bringing him back, so he'll be good.

Q. What about this course fits your eye?

SCOTT VERPLANK: You know, I think it's a really nice golf course, really particularly for a university course. It's a great facility for the Badger golf teams. It's in good shape, the greens are really good. They're a little faster this year than last year, which I like, and you just kind of, if you hit enough good shots, you're going to get some birdie chances, and I putted pretty well for most of the tournament so I made a few.

Q. How does it compare to the Oklahoma State facilities?

SCOTT VERPLANK: Well, you know, they're a little different, but the Oklahoma State facility obviously is really good. This is as good as you can get right here. They have a great practice area for the kids and the golf course is good. It's plenty hard. If you play it all the way back, as far as these young guys hit it, I'm looking for the badge to start doing something in golf.