

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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SCOTT PAREL (-15)

Q. The only one scoring higher than 4 on any hole.

SCOTT PAREL: Yeah, that's too bad. I wish I didn't three-putt that one. That's all right.

Q. That was a hard putt from where you were at.

SCOTT PAREL: Yeah, it wasn't that bad, but yeah, it would have been bad if the greens were as fast as they normally are.

Q. You seem like a very confident golfer. Is that what's going on?

SCOTT PAREL: I mean, you know, every day's different, so yeah, I like how I'm playing. You know, somebody's going to have to play good to beat me, I think, so I'm hoping I can play like I did the first two days and we'll just see what happens.

Q. A couple of the guys were mentioning there's just a little bit more of a skip or an extra firmness in the greens than they were expecting on an initial bounce. Did you read it that way, or how quick did you adjust to today if you needed to?

SCOTT PAREL: Maybe a little bit, maybe a little bit, but it's tough. You know, some of that I think was dependent on whether you were hitting into the wind or downwind. Yeah, downwind shots had a little more skip, but you into the wind, they still didn't really skip too much.

Q. 2016 you were -- how did you get in the field in '16, do you remember?

SCOTT PAREL: Here?

Q. Yeah.

SCOTT PAREL: I finished seventh, I think, in the Senior PGA the week before and had written for a sponsor spot. I know some people here, Principal people, and when somebody withdrew -- I didn't get a spot. I was actually over at Tournament Club of Iowa playing my practice round on Monday for the qualifier and got a call from, I think Greg Conrad was the director then, asked me if I wanted a spot. I said, "Well, yeah." But I think it had something to do with because I finished seventh the week before. You don't -- you don't need to be top-10 if it's a major the week before, doesn't get you in the next tournament.

Q. Tom Lehman said something interesting this week. He said part of this deal is to

get the lead and have to sleep on it Saturday night and then go win it on Sunday. This must be a unique position for you having a five-shot lead going into Sunday. How do you block that out and just play like it's --

SCOTT PAREL: I mean, I've played with these guys enough to know that, you know, somebody back there probably's going to shoot 7 to 9 under somewhere. I did it the first day. I think we're going to have even nicer conditions tomorrow, so you can't -- there's no let-up. Like I said yesterday, pars are generally not too good. I doubt that 15 under's going to win this golf tournament.

Q. No bogeys in the first two rounds. That's a testimony I guess to your driving and putting as much as anything.

SCOTT PAREL: Yeah, I didn't drive it as well today. I don't think I made quite as many putts, but you're not going to have 23 putts too many times in your life.

But yeah, it was a little bit -- like I said, it was a little bit breezier, so I think there was a little bit more doubt on some tee shots than it was yesterday. But that's going to be the key, just put it in the fairway and try to get it on the green.

Q. It seems like every time -- I remember 5 it was a little wayward but a great recovery shot there. At 12, I mean, had a real nice run all the way down to the back of the green, and even on 13 it was left but then you went right up -- or 15, up to the front of the green.

SCOTT PAREL: Yeah, you've got to get some breaks. I mean, both of those tee shots on 5 and 15, the par 5s, you know, I was in a good -- probably the best position I could be having hit in the rough. I had a good lie, no tree trouble. And 15, the same thing. You know, I mean, could have easily been a little bit more right or a little bit more left. Those are the kind of things you need to have happen when you shoot 6 under. You're not going to -- very rarely are you going to hit the ball perfect, so when you hit one a little off, you need some breaks and I've been fortunate.

Q. Last year you played very well for two rounds and then you didn't get a chance to make a run at the title, so now here you are with a five-shot swing and you have your chance. Is it not redemption, but you like the position you're in?

SCOTT PAREL: I would much rather be five ahead than five behind, so I don't know about redemption. I mean, every week is different, every year's different. Like I said yesterday, I like this golf course, I seem to play it pretty well here the last couple years. That's it more than anything, I think.

Q. Scott, is there some story heard about the (inaudible) on the Web Tour and you? Is it Chris Baker?

SCOTT PAREL: Chris Baker, yeah.

Q. So what -- there's some connection?

SCOTT PAREL: Well, I know Chris pretty well from playing with him on the Web.com, and in 2015 when I turned 50 and I was playing regularly on the Web.com, I was looking at the schedule for out here and this was going to be like my first chance to go Monday qualify.

So I knew Chris was from this area, so I asked him -- we were actually playing in Raleigh the week before. I said, "I'm going to have to leave Sunday, so I'm not going to get a chance to play a practice round," because the qualifier I think was actually on Monday that year. I said, "Is it stupid? Should I not even go," because some golf courses you just can't play blind.

He said, "Oh, no, you can play Tournament Club of Iowa blind, it's right in front of you." And I got up on the first hole and I was like, "Are you kidding me?" I mean, you know, like three out of the first five holes I didn't have any idea what was going on up there.

So I gave it to him pretty good next time I saw him. And of course he said, "Oh, I thought you said someplace else." Anyway, so yeah, that was what Chris did to me, and I obviously didn't make it through.

Q. The two of you have leads going into tomorrow.

SCOTT PAREL: Does he?

Q. He's leading by 4.

SCOTT PAREL: Chris is a good guy and he's got a lot of game. He's due to win out there.

Q. How comfortable are you? I mean, you're looking the part right now, very relaxed.

SCOTT PAREL: You know, I'm living the dream here. This is a pretty good spot to be in. Win, lose or draw or whatever, it's fantastic to get to play with these guys and play for a living, so I've got no reason to be upset about anything one way or the other.