

WEBB SIMPSON (-11)

Q. Webb, you made the turn, you had it to 10 under par. I was thinking, wow, this could be really special on the back nine. Didn't quite finish the way you wanted to. Your thoughts on how you played today?

WEBB SIMPSON: Yeah, I played nice. You know, I hit a few good shots into the greens and I left myself really downhill putts. Nine was a tough one, 11 was a tough one, 14, so I wasn't in really good positions to be aggressive on my putts. But I think I only missed one or two fairways today, so that's what you have to do around Sedgefield to score low, so I'm pleased overall.

Q. I don't know if the golf fans know, you're third in scrambling on the PGA TOUR, you've got a really good short game, and I go back to what you did at 12 and then again at 16 to make those pars there. How hard do you work at it and how confident are you that you can make an up-and-down?

WEBB SIMPSON: Very confident. I hired Pat Goss probably three to four years ago and he's helped me a ton with my short game. You've got to have that out here. You've got to have -- you know, short game keeps you in there when you're not hitting it well, and when you are hitting it well, you're probably going to play well. So it's been big.

And like I said, I'm comfortable around this golf course, and when I miss greens, I have confidence that I can give myself a good chance for par.

Q. Thoughts on the weekend now? Boy, there's a whole bunch of guys atop that leaderboard, you're at 11, a bunch of other guys there as well. I think 13's the lead right now.

WEBB SIMPSON: Yeah, the ticket is continue to take it low. I don't see anything less than 20 under winning. It could be north of that, so I've got to stay aggressive and just kind of keep doing what I'm doing. If I'm 11 under for the next two days, I'll have a chance.

Q. Webb, just a few comments. You mentioned just a minute ago accuracy off the tee's been the key for you this week. That's obviously something the scores require and you're kind of answering the call.

WEBB SIMPSON: Yeah, last week was in a sense a good prep for this week because it's a similar golf course where if you hit fairways, you can score, and I did that in rounds two and four last week. So that's been nice this week. These fairways aren't wide, they're pretty tight, and it gets tricky outside the fairways. So fairways are more of a premium here than

anywhere because if you're in the fairway, you've got some short irons in, you can make some birdies.

Q. Webb, sort of a tale of two nines today a little bit?

WEBB SIMPSON: A little bit. I actually, I think I played better on the back than the score indicates. I had a few birdie looks that were right above the hole that I couldn't be aggressive with and a couple misreads. So add that up in nine holes and I only shot one under, but it was nice to save par on 16 the way I did and good, solid last two holes.

Q. Webb, how did you learn to deal with the pressure of this kind of being like your hometown course and you have a lot of people supporting you, especially going into the weekend where you're in contention? How have you learned to deal with that pressure?

WEBB SIMPSON: Yeah, I quit looking at it as pressure and I've got a lot of good friends and family around here pulling for me. They want to see me do well. When I kind of changed my perspective that way, I seemed to relax out there. You know, not get too worked up. I really enjoy this weekend and the Wells Fargo tournament being at my home course as well. It definitely took a few years, but I seem to enjoy it a lot more now than I used to.

Q. Do you like your position going into the weekend? Anything you need to improve on?

WEBB SIMPSON: No, I've got to keep the pedal down. Scores are low, they're going to continue to be low, and if we have conditions like this where if the wind's not blowing that hard, you'll see some more good scores.

Q. Who do you have this week following you?

WEBB SIMPSON: Well, my brother lives here, my sister's in Winston, my mother-in-law came today, my son was out here today. My wife and two daughters are going to come Sunday. So quite a few family coming and then lots of friends.