FINAL ROUND INTERVIEW August 16, 2020



SCOTT PAREL (-1)

THE MODERATOR: All right. Obviously, not the way you wanted it to finish. Can you just talk us through your round to get us started?

SCOTT PAREL: Great start. Birdied the first two holes. Then we had to go in, wait around. And the greens got soft and a little slow and I never really got acclimated to the pace. I left some putts short that -- in the hole a few times early. And then I hit some good putts on the back nine. And I just hit good putts, they just didn't go in.

And Jerry played solid. I played with him for three days. I don't think anybody played any better than he did, obviously, so he deserved to win.

Q. Just to be the one of two people under par, though, for the week, you got to feel pretty good about that.

SCOTT PAREL: Not really.

Q. No?

SCOTT PAREL: No. I mean, second is second, right? I mean, if 1 under would have won, that would have been great, but 1 under being second -- it doesn't matter what you finish. Everybody out here wants to win.

This is twice now that I have been with a chance on the last day in this tournament to win and I just -- last year I kind of gave it away a little bit. Retief played great, but I didn't play that well.

But today I played -- I was very happy with how I played today. Just it was Jerry's day. I hit probably the best 6-iron I have hit all year on 12 to three feet, he makes a hole-in-one right behind me. So sometimes the better guy just wins. Just the way it is.

Q. This year in general, you have actually been playing incredibly well, and that break obviously didn't stop you much. Did you do something during that break to keep your momentum going into these last two?

SCOTT PAREL: I hit more balls and practiced more during that break than I have since I was trying to play on the Web.com Tour. So that was all we really had to do. I could go to the range and practice and play, and so that's what I did. Much, much more than I would have been doing.

Q. Did you play with Henrik or --

SCOTT PAREL: Yeah, sure. They obviously went back to play earlier than I did, but during that time before that, yeah, I mean, Henrik and Luke and -- we played a lot and practiced a lot together. So, I mean, it's -- I feel like I'm very sharp. I don't feel like I really lost much, so -- but like I said, I practiced, I practiced more than I have, so, I mean, I think that's -- and I think a lot of these guys did. Golf is one thing pretty much most guys could -- the states were allowing people to do, so --

Q. Jerry looked disgusted after his bogey and then he gets the hole-in-one. Were you kind of almost -- did that surprise you, or -- just his -- he looked pretty upset with himself.

SCOTT PAREL: I didn't pay any attention really. You know what? I was really more upset that I didn't make my putt on 11, because I hit it exactly like I wanted and it went right around the hole. And he made bogey, whatever. So we were within one. And then I stepped up there and hit as quality a shot as I can hit, which you would think would put pressure on him, maybe. And if it did, he sure, obviously, rose to the moment, because you can't do any better than a one. So even after that, I figure if I make birdie I'm still within two. And the golf course, there's a lot of stuff -- just like you saw on 18, I mean, crazy stuff can happen. And that putt as well. I hit it exactly like -- it goes right around the hole and ends up right behind the hole from three feet. So sometimes it's just not destined for -- to happen. When guys play as well as he did and make a hole-in-one like that, that's -- sometimes you just -- and you know, when you're doing that, you know that it's your time. I think he probably felt after he made that shot, it's probably my time, because I just played a hole kind of poorly and then the next shot I hit goes in the hole. So sometimes it's just your time.

Q. Appreciate it. Thank you.