## ROUND 1 INTERVIEW July 22, 2021



## **SCOTT STALLINGS (-6)**

Q. Scott, I know not the way you wanted to finish, but still a really good round of golf, 6-under 65. If we can get some comments.

**SCOTT STALLINGS:** Yeah, it was nice to go out there and take advantage of the morning and put myself in position. Just like I did on 18, just mis-hit it, it kind of is what it is. Not going to let one bad shot kind of take away from how well I played. Anytime you make nine birdies and walk away, you feel pretty good and look forward to tomorrow.

Q. What iron did you hit?

**SCOTT STALLINGS:** On 18?

Q. Miss-hit.

**SCOTT STALLINGS:** I hit 4-iron. It was kind of up on that upslope. Just the ground's just a hair wet, just kind of I wouldn't say an awkward lie, but just not what you're used to deal with. Just bottom-hit it a little bit.

Q. Is it difficult to get over something like that, the fact that it was your last hole?

**SCOTT STALLINGS:** It's golf, man. You can't do this as long as I've done it and just hang on one shot. We hit thousands of shots. It stings now because it was five minutes ago, but at the end of the day I'm going to go out there -- put myself in great position after the first round and go out there and try and continue to do that the rest of the week.

Q. And how would you assess your year so far and what does a day like this do for you?

**SCOTT STALLINGS:** It's great. I feel like my game has come a long way in the last little bit. Had a great week of prep, a good off week last week and look forward to continuing to kind of build on that for the remainder of the week.

Q. The second group out this morning. How was the course before the delay?

**SCOTT STALLINGS:** Yeah, it was great. The course was receptive and soft. I think the rain and the delay kind of surprised anybody. There wasn't really any of that in the forecast, but something you have to deal with and be better prepared for it going in the next time.

Q. You get so close to finishing. How much does a two-and-a-half-hour delay affect

## coming back playing one hole to go?

**SCOTT STALLINGS:** Just like I said, if you've done this this long, you're going to have -- I've had a day delay to hit one putt. That's not unusual. I stepped out there, I gave myself a great opportunity to attack and just didn't execute when I needed to.

Q. Does the focus change or does the scoring get better with so much to play for with the Playoffs and the FedExCup?

**SCOTT STALLINGS:** I mean, be aggressive, put yourself in position and try to take advantage of it as much as you possibly can.