

**WEBB SIMPSON (-5)**

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**Q. Webb, 5-under 65, a great round of golf today. You started with a double bogey and ended up having eight birdies. How were you able to bounce back after that start?**

**WEBB SIMPSON:** You know, I had a great last couple days, a great warmup, and that's the last start I had in mind. I just reminded myself walking back to 2 that there's 71 holes left and there's going to be plenty of birdie opportunities today and I've got to move on. It's hard to do that in that moment, but it was my only choice.

**Q. On those birdie opportunities, you capitalized. What about your game was working well that allowed you to do that?**

**WEBB SIMPSON:** I made a lot of putts, I felt like. Making that birdie on 2 was key to kind of bounce back, and then making that putt on 4, good up-and-down on 5, so I really came back from the double quickly. But it was the putter, I think, that gave me some momentum and wiped that sour taste out of my mouth.

**Q. We've talked a lot about how special this tournament is to you and this course. What are your impressions of how the course played today?**

**WEBB SIMPSON:** It's fantastic. It's firm, it's fast. I hope we don't get any rain this weekend. It looks like we might on Sunday, maybe Saturday, but when this golf course does play fast, and this year I felt like we have a little more rough than normal, scores are still going to be really good and low but they're not going to be crazy low. So we've had balls in our group today 120 yards out we couldn't get to the green, so that's a good thing, I think, for this golf course and protects it a little bit, but still you drive it well, you'll have birdie opportunities.

**Q. Where were you when the horn blew and how much did that affect your momentum?**

**WEBB SIMPSON:** I was on 15 green and the break lasted long enough where I didn't think we were going to go back out, but I'm glad we got it done, I'm glad they kept us around. But it was nice to -- I had a short putt for birdie on 15 and then birdied 17, so it was a good finish. It's going to be a quick turnaround for tomorrow.

**Q. How did you spend the wait?**

**WEBB SIMPSON:** I was in the caddie area just listening to stories. If you want good stories, go to the caddie area.

**Q. Anything you can share here?**

**WEBB SIMPSON:** It's all clean stuff, oh, yeah. We were talking about how good certain players are. We had a good time.

**Q. Webb, last year there were no fans at this tournament because of COVID. What's the difference when fans are out there? What was it like today to come back to this golf tournament with fans?**

**WEBB SIMPSON:** It's so nice with fans. Being from here, I'm used to getting a little home crowd support and I missed that last year. You know, like I doubled 1 today and a lot of cheers on 2, which normally even in a regular event I don't think they would cheer as loud as they did. I really feel it I think more than other players just, like I said, because I grew up here. But great fans here in Greensboro, I know they love their golf tournament.