

ADAM SCOTT (-10)

Q. Adam, a rather colorful scorecard there for a 64. What did you like about today's round?

ADAM SCOTT: There was lots of good in the round today. Nine birdies, obviously there were a lot of good shots and made some putts. Unfortunately, had a couple of errors on the card and made a few mistakes, but it's hard to complain about 64. I wouldn't go back and try again right now.

Q. When you need a week like you've needed given your standing, how nice is it for you to be able to summon that good play?

ADAM SCOTT: Yeah, the game's felt good. Sometimes it just has to come down to do or die to actually find it. I don't know why it's so hard other weeks of the year, you can't fake that mindset, but this is what it is. It's like qualifying this week for me, so I've got to get it done. I'd like to have another nice round tomorrow and see how far I can jump up going into next week on a course I've won at before and you'd just like to take some good form in. You just never know.

Q. Adam, I wanted to ask you about Mark Russell, rules official. He's retiring this week after 40 years. He's obviously done a good job out here. What's your take on 40 years of being a rules official? You know him a little bit, right?

ADAM SCOTT: Sure, of course. I've spent half that time with him out here. He's given me many favorable drops. No, just kidding.

He's a great guy, a stand-up guy, having to put up with us golf propose for 40 years, and he's done it with class and that's a great stint out here. I just wish him all the best going forward and I hope he's taught the ones following up as well as he's done.

Q. Do you think when he retires he'll play more golf instead of watch? What do you think?

ADAM SCOTT: I hope so. I hope he still has a passion for the game. It's a long time around the game out here, but if he can find some enjoyment out of it now, that would be great.

Q. Adam, when you're on the road competing and traveling, what are the greatest challenges when trying to balance your priorities as a husband, father and a golfer?

ADAM SCOTT: Well, I mean, everything, and it's constantly changing. Golf careers are

quite long and over the last 10 years lots has changed in my balance; I've gotten married and had kids. Being away certainly can be tougher at times, missing out on things like my son's birthday next week I'll miss, but when you're trying to be a top athlete, you have to make those sacrifices and certainly my wife has to understand that we have to make some sacrifices and without that kind of support it's much harder. I'm fortunate that I have a very understanding family.

Q. And with that, does that also give you like a greater perspective when you're competing that while, you know, it's a very tough life, but there's also so much more than just focusing on your backswing or your putting stroke?

ADAM SCOTT: Yes, at times. I mean, I think a family is great for perspective, but that doesn't make competing any easier at all. I think to be the best at anything, you have to be incredibly selfish and you need to use everything and balance everything as well as you can to be able to play at a top level.