

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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ADAM SCHENK (-13)

Q. Adam, 10-under 62, career low, eight birdies in a row in a stretch and closed with a couple. Can you describe that round today and what that feeling was like?

ADAM SCHENK: Yeah, my goals going into today were just, you know, 18 decisions. I guess, 18 holes just making the best decisions I can in whatever spots I put myself in. The first hole, put it in the bunker and chunked it short and that's the only place you really couldn't be for hole 1, short left. Hit to to 20 feet and made the putt for par.

And then from there on, made a couple birdies, lost track of how many I made in a row, but like I said earlier, there was a lot of low scores on the North course yesterday and I knew there was a lot of gettable holes and I needed to keep going if I wanted to get up on top of the leaderboard and hopefully stay there throughout the weekend. So I know I had to try to keep the pedal down and not get satisfied with how many birdies I made.

Q. You mentioned in an earlier interview that was that the best putting round you ever had. Is there anything else that stood out for you in this particular round?

ADAM SCHENK: Not really. I didn't drive it well, was really fortunate I was able to get the ball on or around the greens most of the times, and I think I made one off the green, if not two, and three or four lengthy putts. So I definitely have to drive it better to be able to have a chance to compete this weekend. I'm right there, doing a lot of things well, so just need to get the ball in the fairway a little more often.

Q. Adam, test your memory here, could you run us through those eight birdies, how far was each birdie putt was and how many lengthy birdie putts did you make and how far?

ADAM SCHENK: I think the first I made was 4, it was about seven feet. Next hole was probably eight feet. The next hole was maybe four feet. Then the par 5, I skipped a hole there, that was 30 feet. Then I come to the par 3, that was probably another 40-footer. Then I two-putted hole 9, and then 10 was probably another 35-footer. No. 11 was short of the green, that was probably another 30-footer. I think that was it for the streak. Then I had 12 feet on the next hole and unfortunately missed it, but I think that was the majority. I don't think I remember them all, my memory's not that great. Just a lot of long putts. It's not like I was hitting it to 10 feet every time making the putts, I had a lot of lengthy ones.

Q. For the 99.9 percent of the people on earth who never made eight birdies in a row let alone five in a row, what's going through your mind when you've gone birdie, birdie, birdie, birdie, birdie?

ADAM SCHENK: Honestly, I lost track of how many I made in a row, I knew it was a couple obviously. I made eight in a row one time when I was younger at Swan Lake at the age group championship, then bogeyed my ninth and birdied the next. So I had done it before, obviously not on the PGA TOUR, on this stage. I just lost track and knew I had some par 5s coming up and wanted to take advantage of them. Luckily I hit some good shots on 9 and then 10 I made a long putt.

Q. How old were you when you made those eight in a row?

ADAM SCHENK: Probably 12, 13 maybe, yeah.

Q. For those of us not that familiar with your background, growing up on a sod farm, what was that like for you?

ADAM SCHENK: A lot of mowing, but we had a seven acre field of Zoysia in front of our house, so I would just go out and have basically a driving range whenever I wanted to, so that was definitely beneficial. I needed a chipping green is what I needed, that's what I need to improve on the most, but we're working on it.

Q. Do you feel that was a good springboard for your golfing career having been around all that?

ADAM SCHENK: Yeah, everything that could have went my way went my way and I made, like I said, probably six putts that you really don't make during a round, or maybe more. So tomorrow if I don't have those putts and don't get as lucky with my lies in the rough, it could have easily been a 1 or 2 under or even even par round. Obviously it's great to putt like that. I've been putting well for a while, but definitely have to drive it in the fairway a little better tomorrow and give myself less chances where it's luck. Today I was on the right side of those lucky breaks and bounces so just going to have to make it a little bit less about luck this weekend I would say.

Q. Adam, in your golf world, how many times have you gotten a hard time for your last name and what's some of the best things that have come up, if they are good things?

ADAM SCHENK: Not really. I actually -- funny, I was hitting some pull cuts on the range this morning. I did shank one, it was my first one in a while, but I cold shanked a sand wedge, it was like my third shot of the day. But I usually hit it off the toe in tournaments, so that's fortunate.

But yeah, lots of jokes, but everybody just calls me by my last name so I guess that makes it easy. I don't look at it as like someone's making fun -- they do make fun or have fun with it, but a lot of my friends, a lot of my best friends just call me Shank. It's actually pronounced Schenk, but everybody just says Shank, so I kind of just go with it.

Q. As well as you read the greens today, you guys are not a supplier for Torrey?

ADAM SCHENK: What's that?

Q. Your sod farm's not a supplier for Torrey?

ADAM SCHENK: No, no.

Q. I had to ask.

ADAM SCHENK: I wish. It would be a long way to ship sod.

Q. Adam, can you recount for us what you told Kira about what your caddie, the exchange you had with your caddie after the lip-out on your last hole?

ADAM SCHENK: Yeah. I didn't think par was 70 just because there's so many par 5s, but just in the back of my mind I'm like maybe a par 71. And I kind of lost track of exactly how many under I was and I didn't know if that was possible to shoot 59 and I didn't. I didn't want to look at the scorecard and jinx it because I was just trying to do the best that I could in that situation. Hit a nice 8-iron in there and then lipped it out. I asked him, I said par wasn't 70 or 71 was it? He said, yeah, it's 70, because that putt I guess would have been to shoot 59. I was like, no way it wasn't. He was just joking with me like he likes to do.

Q. Given how much of a grind the South course is, how proud are you of the 3 under you shot yesterday and is that a better round than what you shot today?

ADAM SCHENK: It's tough to say. I drove it better yesterday, but even yesterday I just hit a lot of bad shots and I just made a lot of putts yesterday. I don't know what I was statistically putting, but it had to be top-5, top-10, one or two or three. Yesterday, if I didn't make all the putts that I had that were makeable that I kind of made. It's tough to do that for four rounds in a row. I've done it for two. I would love to do it for four, but statistically I guess it's possible but not likely. So going to have to get the ball in the fairway a little more. And especially on that course, if you miss the fairway the rough might be a little tall over there, you won't be able to advance it to the green a lot of the times so you'll have to find the short grass more.

Q. You turned 30 yesterday. What did you do to celebrate? And this round today, is that the best birthday gift you've ever had?

ADAM SCHENK: It was nice and it would be nice to finish off with a couple more rounds. We had PF Changs yesterday early. Had a lot of food, it was really good, so early dinner again tonight.