

ADAM SCOTT (-9)

Q. Adam, just some comments on the round today, 9 under through 36. You're in pretty good shape through two rounds.

ADAM SCOTT: Yeah, it's a good start. Yesterday I think we in the afternoon had the toughest conditions and 3 under was a pretty good score, especially when there was a lot of low numbers already posted before I teed off. So I kind of, I clawed my way around yesterday and nearly really got it going today and generally playing pretty solid. I'm sure I'll be quite a few back starting the weekend, but my game is in a good spot and I think I can play well on the weekend and make up the ground.

Q. Heard you talking about your driving and changing the angle of attack and so forth. How long did that process take, because you've always been a good driver of the golf ball and how long did it take to really kind of figure that out and then program your swing to do that?

ADAM SCOTT: Well, I made a conscious effort after the U.S. Open when I started practicing a week or so after the U.S. Open to change that because although my play is OK, generally I think if a couple of errant drives a day was costing me the chance of shooting rounds like today or even the good rounds I played at the open at St. Andrews, so just bringing the ball a little more under control. It's funny because I haven't -- I don't feel like I've sacrificed any distance even though we all think you've got to launch it high to hit it far, but it's helpful when you play St. Andrews to do that because it runs. So I didn't feel like I was sacrificing too much, but I've certainly hit more fairways and feel like I'm going to.

Q. So confidence is growing in that regard?

ADAM SCOTT: Absolutely. Yesterday was for sure the best I've driven it for a couple of years maybe and that felt good, and I drove it well again today.

Q. Adam, remind me, was it the U.S. Open where you didn't use a driver? You didn't even have it in the bag, right?

ADAM SCOTT: It was Bay Hill. The first day at Bay Hill I didn't take a driver out. I had a 2-wood, yeah.

Q. Was that the low point?

ADAM SCOTT: No. I actually just thought that the course setup really needed you to hit a fairway and I thought my best chance was with a 2-wood that week.



Q. The way you're driving it now, if it was Bay Hill, would you have a driver in the bag?

ADAM SCOTT: I probably would. I only did it for one day. I actually put the driver in the next day. I had a worse score, but I drove it well I thought that next day. I didn't hit the 2-wood particularly well and I had a good score.

It never got to the point where I just was completely not confident. I just -- you know, a slight technical thing and --

Q. Were you missing it one way or the other?

ADAM SCOTT: No, no. It wasn't terrible like I just lost it, but when you're trying to play everything at the top edge and everything's on a knife's edge, you know, we're playing right on the limits of spin and control and distance and everything, it doesn't take much for it to slip off. I think just the technique wasn't giving me enough margin with the driver. I don't think I've played badly at all, to be honest. I generally play consistently OK, but that kind of sucks on the Tour.

Q. Adam, right now T-2, but the other two guys up there both rookies, Young and in Theegala. It feels like in some ways I'm sure that wasn't you all that long ago. I wonder, do you think your experience may play out over the weekend and what do you think about just sort of how they've been hitting the ball not just this weekend or so far this week but this season?

ADAM SCOTT: Well, I know Cameron Young's up there, I don't know who else is up there. But he's having one of the best rookie seasons I can think of. He hasn't won a tournament yet, but obviously he's very confident and he's a great young player.

You know, experience is one of the few things I for sure have going for me every week out here, so I should use that to my advantage. If I do find myself in a position over the weekend or I'm in contention coming down the stretch, I certainly feel like I may have an edge. I've been in that position a lot and I feel comfortable there, and I hope to be in that spot.

Q. Does it feel like a long time since you've won?

ADAM SCOTT: A little bit. I think for -- certainly for me like the last couple years have been a bit of a blur. There's been a lot going on I guess for everyone with COVID, but the travel, the international travel and everything, and also, you know, we've had another young kid.

The last couple years has been a bit of a blur to me. I don't know if it feels long or just a wash, but it was a year ago next week that I was in that playoff at Wyndham and had the putt to win. I'd love to get back in that position over this weekend. I think generally everything has settled down for me and my game and everything is moving a good direction. So if it's



not this week, it would be a good goal to try and win an event by the end of this season.

