



**SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER (-4)**

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**Q. Scottie, can you just talk about the challenging conditions? I don't know that you guys have played this course with it blowing like that before, maybe you have.**

**SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER:** Not that I can remember. It's only my second year, but anytime you get the wind really high like that, especially on a golf course like this where it's exposed, it's very challenging. You can't really play the ball along the ground here off the tee just because it's so wet, so got to get the ball airborne and it was definitely playing tough today.

**Q. Has something clicked in the fall? When you look at your results, it seems like you've been there or very, very close in the couple events you've played in the fall. What's different since maybe the end of the season, anything?**

**SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER:** No, not really. I feel like I -- I feel like I'm playing pretty similar. I had some good finishes at the end of the year, I was pretty close at BMW, I was obviously close at the FedExCup final. I've had some decent finishes this fall so overall I feel like I'm playing pretty solid.

**Q. Did you grind working before you came here or did you sort of look at this as I'm just going to kind of ease into this week not really -- I mean, you know what I'm saying? It's still kind of a fun week even though you're trying to win. What's the attitude?**

**SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER:** Yeah, I'm definitely not showing up to finish 20th or whatever it is. I've been practicing. I like to practice. I took a nice break before we went to South Carolina. I was pretty worn out after the FedExCup and then the Presidents Cup, so there was a period there for a good five, six weeks where I wasn't practicing too much. I still go out and play for fun and stuff but not too much heavy practice. Last probably month or two I've been getting after it fairly decent.

**Q. I don't want to bring it up too early, but you could be No. 1 with a win. In your head at all does it really matter one, two at this point?**

**SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER:** Yeah, No. 1 is obviously a place I'd like to get back to, but if we're not playing golf for a while, who knows what the World Rankings are going to do. Right now it seems to be a bit of a flawed system, so we'll see what happens there. It's definitely something nice to go back to, but I'm not going to be thinking about it when I'm on the golf course.

**Q. No, definitely not, but you like that feeling?**



**SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER:** I don't like being No. 2, I don't like finishing second.

**Q. You mentioned it being a flawed system. You're not the only player who said that. Do you have a pretty good handle on exactly the changes and what's different about it?**

**SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER:** Yeah, I understand that they got away from the minimums for every tour, which I think made a lot of sense. I think now I would say the top players are not bringing as much weight to events as they should. I think there was some stuff like the winner of the Fortinet got more points than the winner of the TOUR Championship, stuff like that that's a little bit weird. I don't know if that's actually 100 percent correct, that's the rumor going around on the driving range.

But it's also really tough to rank golfers when they're not playing the same schedule. So I think as we all start to play together more often and you get the best players playing together more often, it's going to be much easier to rank those guys. It depends on how much value you place on a guy No. 1 in the world versus No. 50 in the world. It's a tough system, it's not something that's easy to get right. In other sports you have a record and golf is not necessarily a record. It's a challenging system. I think they kind of went from one extreme to the other and we'll meet in the middle hopefully and find something that's a little bit better.

**Q. Yeah, I'm sure you would like to see Tiger playing this week, but because he's not playing, that kind of worked in your favor on the numbers here.**

**SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER:** Did it?

**Q. Yeah.**

**SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER:** Yeah, I think you know anytime we can get Tiger in the field is definitely a big bonus for us. We wish him well and hope for a quick recovery.

**Q. Do you feel if you become No. 1 on Sunday, you will feel the same as No. 1 from the past?**

**SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER:** I guess. I'm not really sure how to answer that, to be honest with you. Last time was my first time getting to No. 1. I haven't really been No. 2 for a while, so I feel like if I continue to play great and win some events I'll get back there, but it's not going to be something that I'll keep in the front of my mind. It's not something I think about when I'm practicing, it's not something that occupies a lot of my thoughts. It's nice to be No. 1.

**Q. Scottie, what type of preparation for defending your green jacket, when will that preparation start?**

**SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER:** Yeah, I mean, I feel like I'm preparing for it now. I feel like the four



majors are the tournaments we prepare for the most and when I'm at home practicing, I'm preparing for those high-pressure situations and there's no more pressure than playing in a major championship.

