

**ROUND 1 INTERVIEW**  
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**SCOTT BROWN ( -3 )**

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**Q. Scott, so kind of a unique couple of days. Could you kind of start with Monday and just kind of walk through what the last couple days have been like?**

**SCOTT BROWN:** I mean, I knew I was going to play down there unless I got in, so I kind of played in Abaco and then kept getting to a point where I wasn't getting in, so I was like well, I'll just see how tomorrow goes. I kind of had a goal in mind if I was in the top-10 down there, I was going to stay. And once I didn't play that great on Monday, I decided to come on here.

**Q. When was your first inkling, like when you went to Abaco, did you think you might have a chance to get in this field?**

**SCOTT BROWN:** Yeah, just talking with Competitions, yeah, I kind of had an idea of where the alternates were going, kind of knew I was going to be first alternate at the start of the week. And I was surprised a little bit that it didn't move, and then I got the call I guess Monday night that I had gotten in.

**Q. What was -- and then the travel arrangements, kind of Abaco isn't the easiest place to --**

**SCOTT BROWN:** Yeah, yeah. So knowing I had a chance to get in, I had a flight Monday and Tuesday. So I went ahead and booked that early in the week knowing I might have had a shot to get in.

**Q. So the flight -- that is awesome. What time was the flight from Abaco and where did you connect?**

**SCOTT BROWN:** 2:30 yesterday, Miami, Miami to here.

**Q. How did you -- like is it a different type of plane ride than a normal one knowing that you're playing the next day?**

**SCOTT BROWN:** Not really. I've been here enough, I kind of knew through some buddies what the conditions were like, kind of know where they're going to put the pins. I have an idea of what they're going to do here, so not really. More -- I think it was really good for me actually coming off two competitive rounds and coming here versus just practicing a little bit. I looked at the positive side of it.

**Q. Is there any comparable scenario you've had in your career where it's been this tight of a turnaround between tournaments?**

**SCOTT BROWN:** Not really. I haven't had to play that card in a while, so that's a good thing I guess.

**Q. And then just in general, speak to the day to day and how you feel going out there and shooting --**

**SCOTT BROWN:** Yeah, played solid. Probably left a few out there, but all in all I think I had four birdies and one bogey. It was just plodding my way around, simple. I hit a lot of greens not super close and birdied the par 5s really.

**Q. And you've played here a bunch. What do you think it is? How do you describe the challenge of these courses, what it takes to succeed at this tournament?**

**SCOTT BROWN:** It's tough. I always feel like the scores are lower here than I want them to be. I'm always surprised by how low they are some years. The greens are soft this year, the rough is high, so if you don't drive it good, it's going to be hard. If you get in the fairway, you can get some tight approaches in there with the greens being a little bit softer.

**Q. Offbeat, but on the flight did you sleep or watch a movie, listen to stuff?**

**SCOTT BROWN:** Just watched a movie. I caught a little catnap for an hour.

**Q. What did you watch?**

**SCOTT BROWN:** I was watching a show, I'm trying to remember what it was. I don't remember what it was, 1883 is what it was.

**Q. And the -- was it buddies that you touched base with, were there any players that you --**

**SCOTT BROWN:** Yeah, Scott Stallings, I contacted him. I stayed with him last night. He had an extra bed at his house so I crashed with him. I asked him last night how the greens were and speed and all that stuff.

**Q. And are you getting your own place for tonight?**

**SCOTT BROWN:** No, I'm staying with him.

**Q. And I know they told me you played a practice round with Silverman on Friday?**

**SCOTT BROWN:** I did, yeah.

**Q. Did you get the sense he was feeling pretty good about things?**

**SCOTT BROWN:** Yeah, he was playing nicely. Yeah, he was in a good frame of mind, too. I thought he was playing nicely. I heard he's in a playoff now, so we'll see hopefully.

**Q. Had you played with him before or how did that come about?**

**SCOTT BROWN:** I played with him out here before. We played together. Actually, we've played a few practice rounds together in the past.

**Q. And then going -- so tonight do you get a little more extra sleep than normal or do you feel pretty much all good?**

**SCOTT BROWN:** Man, honestly, I don't think I'm going to get much sleep. I'll probably go to bed early and wake up at like 2:00, 3:00 in the morning again. I'm still on that east coast schedule.

**Q. How do you feel about having to play out of this category and go back and forth?**

**SCOTT BROWN:** I did it last year for most of the year, too. It doesn't bother me. I just try to take advantage of opportunities when I get them. Last year I would play out here for three or four and I would have to go back down there for three or four. I was just trying to stay competitive, honestly, wherever it was at.

**Q. What does that run you to have to buy tickets for Monday and Tuesday and all that?**

**SCOTT BROWN:** Well, you just buy them refundable so you get your money back, so not that much. Yesterday's flight wasn't that expensive.

**Q. Silverman just won.**

**SCOTT BROWN:** He did, nice. That's great. I'm a good luck charm, I guess.

**Q. To win as a sponsor invite, pretty cool.**

**SCOTT BROWN:** Yeah, yeah. I think going in, we talked about it a little bit, he was hoping for a good week so he could get in the shuffle, so he got it.