

POST-ROUND INTERVIEW
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ADAM SCOTT (-11)



Q. Adam, not to be repetitive, but can you just assess your round?

ADAM SCOTT: Yeah, I think it's the best I've played this week all around, to be honest. I hit some fairways today and that was nice because I hadn't seen them yet. And yeah, I thought I played really solid, the kind of round you'd want. But when the guy's leading and he lights it up, left searching a little bit like what do I need to do?

However, it's tough. I think the course was gettable today, the tee boxes were up and the pins were kind of in the "go" zone, so we'll see how they set it up tomorrow. Good front nine and hopefully get within striking distance tomorrow.

Q. Sorry, I didn't see what happened on the 18th tee. Can you walk us through what happened there?

ADAM SCOTT: Yeah, I tried to cut one off the creek and I pulled it and it hit the tree right off the tee and just dropped in front of the tee box. It's a long par 4 that way.

Q. You look at who's in the lead. I know it's been a long time ago, but what are the challenges of trying to win for the first time on Tour, do you remember?

ADAM SCOTT: For the first time?

Q. Well, it's been a minute for you, but what were the unique challenges?

ADAM SCOTT: Yeah, look, I think it's just gotten -- everything's gotten bigger and bigger and bigger, and here we are now, we've been at designated events, and if you're trying to win your first at a designated event, it's all incredibly significant. These events have a new status on the Tour. I think in time we'll see them somewhat revered amongst the players, like how many designated events have you won, counting them a little bit like we counted Tiger winning WGCs throughout the years.

You know, it's never easy to win out here let alone your first, but I think, thinking back to when I won any tournament but even the first, you just, it's your day. If you can keep yourself under control, something goes right and you end up getting across the line. I know that's easier said than done, but that's kind of what it felt like. You've got to just do the same stuff that got you to that position through three days.

Q. Adam, I know you said the course was gettable today, but did you feel like a 63 or 64 was out there when you started the day?



ADAM SCOTT: Not really, no, but I surprised myself to be 5 under on the last tee. A nice drive and a shot and a putt and you're walking away 6 under. I really didn't expect that kind of score.

Yeah, it must be the pin spots and a couple tees forward just made it play a little easier. The wind direction might be an easier wind direction for the golf course, too. Yeah, most guys have pretty good scores, and of course the guys playing best are kind of setting the pace up there.

Q. Adam, you have recounted this a few times, but you talked about how the pandemic was a challenge for you, and actually coming out of it. Are you now? I mean, do you think that that's past you, all the issues that you had to kind of sort through? You had a lull there with your golf.

ADAM SCOTT: Yeah, I think it was a bit of a setback for me, which is a shame, but that's what it is. I was in charge of all those decisions that I made.

Yeah, I feel like last year I really worked hard to kind of climb myself back into a good spot and this year has been slow to get going, calendar year-wise certainly. This is the best performance for three days of a tournament so far, so I'm looking for a really good back half of this season.

There's nothing -- it's been hard not to be frustrated because there isn't one thing that I can really put my finger on why I'm not getting better results. I play OK every week and OK kind of sucks on the PGA TOUR, so I'm nowhere with anything.

This business is all about results, so that's what I'm looking for tomorrow.

Q. What do you think is realistic that you need to shoot to win tomorrow?

ADAM SCOTT: It depends on conditions, but I expect, you know, on a Sunday it's probably not as easy the last three holes as what it might have looked out there if a guy's coming in today. Certainly a nice course to be posting a number, but I'd expect I've got to at least catch the number there finishing today.

