

PRE-TOURNAMENT INTERVIEW
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ADAM SCOTT

LAURA VESCOVI: We would like to welcome Adam Scott to the media center for the 2023 ZOZO Championship.

Adam, you're making your second start here at Accordia Narishino, your first was in 2019. Can you just reflect back to that time and talk about your excitement to be back here in Japan?

ADAM SCOTT: Yeah, I'm a regular visitor to Japan, but it's only the second time I've played ZOZO. I generally play the Japan Open every year, which I did last week unsuccessfully, but in the end got me kind of ready to go this week for the ZOZO.

We have a great forecast in front of us and the course is looking fantastic, so I'm excited about the chance to play a PGA TOUR event here this week in Japan.

LAURA VESCOVI: You had a chance to play the course today. Can you just give some thoughts and impressions on the golf course?

ADAM SCOTT: The course is in perfect condition and the greens are a little bit on the soft side, so I think guys will be able to attack this golf course while it stays like this.

However, the penalty of missing around these greens is high because the greens have a severe amount of slope and speed. Your short game will be tested too much if you miss too many greens.

So the guys who are playing well are going to shoot good scores and the rest are going to be left scrambling.

LAURA VESCOVI: We want to ask you about two holes and your strategy on them, No. 1 and No. 4.

ADAM SCOTT: No. 1, unless there's some crazy wind, I think it's just a 3-wood off the tee. You really can't go down the left side, and driver you need to favor more the left side, so I think it's just a 3-wood and a short iron to the green.

No. 4, again, I think you have to challenge that hole a little bit with driver off the tee and take it across a little bit of the water, but of course then there's a bit of a risk. But it's such a long hole that getting the ball down there as far as possible is an advantage coming into the green.

LAURA VESCOVI: You mentioned you're a frequent visitor of Japan. Can you talk about some of your favorite things about this country and maybe some memories of the fans when you played here in 2019?

ADAM SCOTT: Yeah, I think actually really as far as the golf goes, all the good memories I have is the big crowds that watch us play. That was certainly the case in 2019, there was no extra space at this golf course in 2019. I'd say the Japanese golf fans are the most enthusiastic golf fans in the world and that makes it a really fun environment for us to play in. Hopefully we get something similar to that this week.

LAURA VESCOVI: It was announced this week that the 24-player roster has been rounded out for TGL. Can you talk about your involvement and excitement for that new venture?

ADAM SCOTT: Yeah. I think it's fitting in perfectly with kind of where everything is going in the world. This is another way to showcase the game, and a game that is played differently by a lot of people now. I know a lot of people certainly in this region of the world are spending a lot of time playing golf in a simulator. This is a little bit more extreme version of a simulator, but should be a lot of fun, a chance to kind of showcase some of the top players in the world and maybe a bit more of their personality in a different environment on a Monday night.

LAURA VESCOVI: And then lastly from me, looking ahead to 2024, can you touch on some of your goals and objectives for the season?

ADAM SCOTT: Yeah, 2024 is kind of a shortened season on the PGA TOUR as it's now back to the calendar year just running through August. I think that kind of suits me at this point in my career, to have a shorter season.

You know, I've got lots of different goals, I guess, but really to sum that up, I want to get back in the winner's circle on Tour. I feel like I still have the game to compete on Tour and be a winner. I'd like to kind of start here this week, but let's keep that going in '24, too.

Q. The question is about your putter. I think you're using a L.A.B. Golf, which Lucas Glover is using as well. So what do you like about this putter?

ADAM SCOTT: Yeah, there's a lot of technology that goes into this putter. It's a special way of balancing the putter that only L.A.B. Golf can do. As we look around for the best equipment to use, I managed to be introduced to L.A.B., and they also were very receptive to helping me putt with a long putter as well. Not so many companies are working with the long putter, so L.A.B.'s been really supportive.

And I think the technology is fantastic. I've had a lot of success and putting well with the L.A.B. putter, and of course Lucas Glover was very successful since switching to it also.

Q. Another question about your putting. Since when have you been using this

putter? And also like last week it seems like you were a little bit struggling on the greens, so how is your putting condition this week so far?

ADAM SCOTT: I've been using this putter for, when did I start, about 18 months.

I don't think I struggled too much on the green last week. The condition was not quite what -- the same as here, let's say. I don't think anyone was making quite as many putts, but it was feeling OK. I feel good. I think putting is probably the best part of my game.

Q. I wanted to ask you about a pretty unique feature of this course, the double greens. Wondering does that change preparation, does that change how you play practice rounds, does anything change having two greens to work with instead of one?

ADAM SCOTT: I think we're only playing one hole that uses the two greens, so it's not -- it's not that big of a deal. We just have to learn a couple of greens on that hole, but it doesn't change preparation much at all then.

LAURA VESCOVI: Thanks for your time. Good luck this week.

ADAM SCOTT: Thank you.