

**ROUND 3 QUICK QUOTES**  
**December 2, 2023**



**SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER ( -16)**

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**Q. Scottie, really solid round, got a three-shot lead heading into tomorrow. How did you do today?**

**SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER:** Yeah, I played really well today, really solid the whole day. Only bogey I had there was on anyway 18 and I hit a drive that I didn't think there was any way it wouldn't be in the fairway and turns out that it wasn't. Yeah, about it.

**Q. What's your confidence level with the putter right now? I think you're top 3 in strokes gained putting at this point?**

**SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER:** Yeah, that's pretty good. Yeah, nice to see some putts go in. Like I said, I've been rolling it pretty solid. These greens can be tough to putt at times, but like I said, I'm rolling it good.

**Q. Can you go into the back story of the putter change that you made this week?**

**SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER:** Yeah. It's very similar to some stuff that I used in the past. It has a little thing on the top that helps me line the ball up more consistently in the middle of the face and then obviously the grip is different than what I've used in the past, but that's something that Phil and I have worked on together.

**Q. Had you heard of the putter or was it one Phil had recommended to you?**

**SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER:** I had heard of them.

**Q. Obviously you've been working hard on it. Where do you feel like you are in the process of kind of, you know, adjusting what you want it to --**

**SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER:** Like I said at the beginning of the week, I feel as if I'm much more clear in what I need to be working on and a lot of that has to do with how I'm set up over the ball. When I'm set up in the right position, then I feel like my mechanics are really good. That's what I'm focused on. I'm not focused on setting up perfectly. I have my feels that I'm trying to get to in the setup and then not trying to be perfect, just trying to hit good putts.

**Q. Is this kind of a nice function of this tournament, where it is in the season, you can try your putting out in real competition and kind of compare it to other guys other than just doing it at home and feeling like you're getting it there?**

**SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER:** Anytime you can get under the gun in competition I think that's



good practice. This I would say is a great tournament to kind of end the year. It's a fun way to end the year coming down here to the Bahamas. Usually it's kind of a year ender, but to me it feels like the beginning of a new season with the long break and kind of a warmup for Kapalua. Just good to be down here, enjoy some nice weather. Pretty sure it's cold in Dallas, so it's good.

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

**SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER:** It feels like it's been a long time since I played, to be honest with you. Yeah, I guess. Like I said, I took the break and I really was able to get my mind off golf for a while. Yeah, it feels like it's been a while since I played in tournament golf, which is good. Like I said at the beginning of the week, I feel fresh going into this week whereas at the end of the year I think I definitely got a little worn down.

**Q. And you finished second here the last two years. What would it mean to get that first place?**

**SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER:** Yeah, I think I've been kind of on the outside looking in going into Sunday. I could be wrong, but I remember it being I had two really good back nines to give myself kind of an outside chance. The first year was definitely outside chance. I think last year I maybe was one or two back going into 18. Like I said, I was kind of on the outside looking in going into the tournament -- sorry, going in the back nine. Yeah, it's nice to be in position this week to win.

**Q. Any particular putt that really felt good today that you made?**

**SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER:** Anytime the ball goes in the hole it feels great (Laughs.)

I think the putt on 16 was great. You never expect to have long putts for par. It wasn't that long of a putt, but I never step up on a hole thinking I'm going to have to make something for par. So anytime you get in that six- to 10-foot range and you're able to hole a putt for par it's good momentum. Like I said, I hit a lot of solid putts today that the ones that didn't go in I felt like should have and that's a good place to be on the greens.

**Q. Any Texas scoreboard watching out there?**

**SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER:** I heard the final. Fortunately they got off to a good start and Jordan and I didn't have to think about it too much out there.

