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**SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER ( -20)**

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**JACK RYAN:** We would like to welcome the winner of the 2023 Hero World Challenge, Scottie Scheffler, to the interview room.

Scottie, congratulations. Your third victory this season, first since THE PLAYERS Championship. What does winning here at Albany after a couple close calls mean for you?

**SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER:** Yeah, it's great. Like I said, I was kind of on the outside looking in the last couple years on Sunday and I needed a good back nine to finish second and give myself an outside chance. Going into today was definitely nice being in the lead and I played solid golf to kind of finish it off.

**JACK RYAN:** And to cap off a great year with your third win here, looking ahead to next year, what does this win do for your confidence going into 2024?

**SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER:** Yeah, great confidence going into next year. Only probably I think we got maybe four weeks until we leave again, so it's definitely nice kind of having the momentum of a win as I go into preparing for next season. Yeah, I mean, couldn't get better momentum than this, you know.

**Q. Scottie, congratulations. How good does this win feel? I know you mentioned haven't won since THE PLAYERS, but you've been so close a lot this year. This must just feel really good.**

**SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER:** Yeah, it feels good. I'm very proud of how I played today. Ted and I did a good job out there staying patient, kept the ball in play, gave myself a lot of looks. I didn't feel like I gave the rest of the field much of, I don't know if much of a chance is the right word, but I didn't make any bogeys, so there wasn't a ton of mistakes for them to kind of use as momentum. It was more of make them come and catch me kind of day. I did a really good job of not trying to force things, not trying to do anything outside of my comfort zone. I just played solid most of the day and made two good birdies on 14, 15 and then finished it off nicely.

**Q. A win is a win. Does it matter where it comes from or when it happens?**

**SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER:** Nope.

**Q. Congratulations, Scottie. You're at the end of the year now. When you look back, what rating are you going to give yourself out of 10 and why? What's your report card going to be?**



**SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER:** Shoot, I don't know how to rate myself. You know, I think I'm proud of how I played this year. I think the consistency was as good as it's been in my whole career. Yeah, I'm very proud of the stuff that I was able to accomplish this year. The win in Phoenix was great, knocking off THE PLAYERS was wonderful as well and coming here getting a win this week feels great. Great way to finish off the year.

**Q. Just looking forward for next year, you've been a big supporter of the Scottish Open the last few years. Is that going to be on your schedule again and what do you think you can get out of that event going into The Open at Troon?**

**SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER:** Yeah, I've typically played the Scottish Open before The Open Championship. To be honest, I haven't looked that far into the schedule. It's a way that I like to kind of prepare for, but that gets to be a little bit of a weird part of the schedule with the Olympics being something that I'm obviously trying to qualify for and something I'm hoping to be a part of. It's pretty far ahead, so I hadn't gotten too far.

**Q. Scottie, at the pre-tournament press conference you spoke about putting. You must be really pleased with the way you putted out there this week.**

**SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER:** Yeah, I think that's a good assessment. I'm very pleased with my game. I felt like coming into this week I felt like I was in a good spot, but I didn't really know because I hadn't really played much tournament golf.

Got off to a pretty slow start the first day, but ever since I think probably after the first six holes I played some really, really great golf. Yeah, that's why I'm walking out of here with a win versus coming out not with a win. I'm very pleased with how I putted, I feel like I rolled it solid. It's definitely nice to see some early results with the stuff that Phil and I have been working on.

**Q. You have permission to roll your eyes at this question, but would you rather have, I don't know, 10 top-5s or one win when you balance that consistency with wanting to win?**

**SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER:** I mean, I don't really know how to answer that to be honest. I like winning, winning is a tremendous amount of fun. Honestly, I don't really know how to elaborate on that. It's definitely nice to win and also nice to be consistent. Finishing second is not nearly as good a feeling as finishing first.

**Q. Scottie, it's just about 20, 22-odd months since you got your maiden PGA TOUR win and now you'll be a World No. 1 for almost 64 weeks. Do you think it's been such a dream run when you began say in 2022, would you have dreamt that 2023 would finish like this?**

**SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER:** Yeah, I think when you say it like that, it definitely still sounds a



little bit weird. I've talked a decent amount about how I don't really feel how my life has changed, just when I come out here and compete things are a little bit different, but at home everything's still the same. When you put it in perspective like that, it sounds great and I probably wouldn't have dreamed or anything like that.

I've never been a guy that looks too far into the future, I do my best to stay in the present. Just for right now it's nice to reflect on this season. It's nice to finish off the year with a win and it will be good as we go home and get ready for Christmas and get ready for Kapalua to kind of have the momentum of this week.

**Q. Scottie, we always see you smile. Is there any time that you actually are not happy with yourself and let the world know? Does it show on your face? We've never seen it, at least I haven't.**

**SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER:** I'm sure my wife would tell you otherwise, but no, I try not to show too much emotion out there on the golf course.

And Teddy I think does a pretty good job of keeping me in a good frame of mind. I'm sure a lot of the smiles you see out on the course are probably some dumb joke that he made. His laughter's a little bit contagious. I'm not sure if I think his jokes are that funny or just that he's laughing that I want to laugh, too.

On a more serious note, I think we have a lot of fun out there together. I think Teddy's a great guy, he works really hard and he's just a great presence and kind of partner for me to have out there on the course. I'm sure that's where some of that joy comes from.

**Q. Scottie, I know you're not a guy that pays much attention to the outside noise or what people are saying, but obviously your putting has been a topic of conversation for a while now. Is that something that you feel on the outside when you're on the course?**

**SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER:** No, not when I'm on the course. When I come in here and get asked a bunch of questions about it, it's a little bit different. But when I'm out there competing, I mean, no, it doesn't really cross my mind. I'm just trying to get the most out of what I'm doing. This week I feel like I did a really good job of staying in the present and hitting a lot of good shots and hitting a lot of solid putts as well.

**Q. And then just you said you didn't pay much attention to golf or think about much golf when you were off. It had to give you some time to work on the putting a little bit? How much do you attribute just having some time away from the week-to-week grind of the Tour to kind of really refine a skill?**

**SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER:** I would say that was a big part of it, kind of having that time off to -- how do I phrase this? I've always been a guy that works really, really hard and sometimes I think I can work almost too hard. So when I'm struggling with something like my

putting was last year, it's almost like I focused on it too much at times.

When the offseason came about, I did a good job of putting my clubs away and thinking about other stuff. The grind of a season can wear you down almost more than anything. I think that happened to me a bit last year.

I took some good time to just get rested, get refreshed, spent some time at home with family, friends and focused on other things to try not to focus on golf. You're always going to be focused on something, so I found some other stuff to kind of distract myself a bit.

**Q. Scottie, how many more tournaments do you think you might have won this season if you putted like you did this week?**

**SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER:** No idea.

**Q. Do you want to guess?**

**SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER:** The only thing I know is that you were going to ask that question. (Laughs.)

**Q. You never worked with a different coach other than Randy. Do you wish maybe you started earlier with Phil or somebody else on putting?**

**SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER:** I don't think so. I think when you struggle with something, I think you continue to learn and you learn more about yourself. Sometimes struggling with something like that can almost reset your mind of the things that are most important.

I try not to place too much of my identity of what I shoot on the golf course or how many tournaments I've won. Sometimes when you really struggle with something it kind of helps you reset to remember why I come out here to play this game every week and why I love to do it.

So this fall was really kind of a great time for me to sit back and just relax and try and get refreshed and ready to go for another season.

Phil has done a really good job early on of helping me have a clear head when I'm on the greens. I know what we're trying to work on now and it's been very beneficial.

**Q. What's it like to get the trophy from Tiger and did he say anything that meant something to you?**

**SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER:** I mean, it was really cool for me two years ago just to get into this tournament. I had seen the Hero World Challenge pretty much my entire life and it seemed like such a fun time, only 20 guys, 20 of the best players in the world coming down to play Tiger's event.



It was very special this year having him back out on the course. Seeing him complete four rounds was so cool. It was fun getting in the lunchroom today and seeing him teeing off on the first hole, seeing the red and black walking down the fairways.

As players, we're excited to see him back. Hopefully we'll get to see more of him. We're appreciative of all he's done for the game and all he's doing for us players now off the course with all the stuff going on with our tour. We're very appreciative of the work that he's putting in for the betterment of the PGA TOUR.

**JACK RYAN:** Scottie, thank you very much for your time. Congratulations.

