

ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES
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SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER (-5)

Q. What was the reason behind changing the putting grip?

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: Were you here or just right there?

Q. I'm trying to help the other people out.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: I would say I'm always looking for ways to improve and I felt like this was something that we had looked at last year when Phil and I first started working together, but it was really our first time working together and it's something that's different than what I've done in the past.

You know, this year I had thought about it from time to time and it was something that we had just said let's take a look at that for the end of the season, take a look at it.

Took a look at it this offseason and figured this is a good week to try stuff just because you can practice and practice and do all the stuff at home, but there's just something different about being in competition. I really enjoyed the way it felt, I felt like I'm seeing some improvements in my stroke.

Q. Do you have a distance in mind where you use it and don't use it?

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: Not a specific one. Typically the further I am away from the hole I'd say the more likely I am to use the conventional grip because, like I said, I feel like my speed has always been extremely good, especially from long range. I think I've always been a really, really good lag putter. That's an area where I don't think I would see much improvement with the grip. The closer I get to the hole, kind of that inside 15-foot range, I think that's where I'm seeing a lot of the benefits of it.

Q. Any putt that you were most happy with today?

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: I felt like I rolled it really nice. I felt like I hit a lot of edges out there, ball was kind of dancing around the cup. The putt I hit on 18 felt really good, nice, went right in the middle of the hole.

I think I had kind of a slippery one on No. 9. Wind was kind of going across on a decent sized slope there and I was pretty frustrated to be putting for par on a par 5. That was another putt that felt really solid and kind of went right in the middle, so I was very pleased with those.



Q. Happy with all the other parts of your game today?

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: Yeah. There's always stuff that I'm not super excited about, but overall I felt I got it around pretty good. Made a couple mistakes on the front nine, but played pretty solid on the back nine.

Q. What would you classify the grip as, a saw, a claw? What would you call it?

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: I have literally no idea. I think Phil calls it a claw, but he really doesn't even say that, he just says "I want you to try a little bit" and he points his hand like that and wherever my hand felt good, that's where we settled. Not trying to think too much about it, trying to keep things simple.

Q. To that point, what's it feel like making the first one of the day?

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: That's good, I knocked it in there close to give myself a pretty easy look to start the day. Overall, yeah, I felt like I did lot of stuff well today, it was pretty solid. I felt like I could have been a little bit sharper in some of my ball-striking, but overall I felt like I was hitting my lines on the greens. If I keep that up, the results should be pretty good the next couple days.

