

ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES
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ADAM SCOTT (-9)



Q. Great playing today.

ADAM SCOTT: Thank you.

Q. Where's this rank with your best rounds here at Riviera because you've had quite a few good ones?

ADAM SCOTT: Yeah, I have a slight sour taste after coming off the last there, but it's probably my best. I mean, I actually couldn't really believe it through 13, I think I was 9. I don't even imagine that going out there.

Yeah, it's probably my best round out here. I know there were a lot of good scores today. I did shoot -- I remember one, I think it was the year I won recently that I shot, I think it was on Thursday, I shot 7 in the morning. It was a drier week, maybe more challenging, but there's always a challenge. Like just getting the ball to the hole is hard when the greens are soft here, so this is great.

Q. Does it get any easier as you get older when you get that low to kind of feel like one more, one more, or no? Because guys talk about a lot of times it's hard to go low.

ADAM SCOTT: Look, I mean, I'll give myself a bit of credit, I've always felt like since I was a kid I could shoot a low score. I've never really put the handbrake on, although it might have looked like it the last couple holes, I didn't play my best. But I've always kind of been happy to just, you know, when I'm feeling good, have a go at it. And I was, I made a couple misjudgments. 16 was a bit of a misjudgment, but I don't -- I don't think it gets tougher.

I think as we get older it's tougher to react as quickly, maybe with everything, but you know when you were young, you missed three cuts in a row and then you go out and win somehow. You shake it off and you win the next week. I feel like all these processes are slower maybe through more knowledge and caution or paralysis by analysis or something. You know, in the instinct, I think the thing I work hard or I could work harder on is like instinct out there.

Q. Anything from just reflecting on the offseason, either looking at stats or just anecdotally that you tried to improve on, work on, get ready for this year?

ADAM SCOTT: You know, my short game was really lacking, especially putting, last year. After having like three or four good years of putting out here, last year was really slow. It wasn't necessarily anything I could really put a finger on or I would have tried to fix it sooner.



It's just a lot of putts weren't going in.

So I've been working on that the last few weeks, especially since Torrey. I went in the lab and did all that kind of stuff, which is not really what I usually do, but that provided a little insight. I made a slight tweak to some putters. Actually, I've putted with two different putters this week and today worked well so I'll stick with this one for now.

Q. How exciting is it to be in the mix here going into the weekend?

ADAM SCOTT: Yeah, it's awesome. I'm lucky to be here this week on an invite obviously. It's my favorite stop on Tour of the year, so I'm wanting to make the most of it.

I've been feeling like I've had a lot of good golf since last summer and got absolutely no results thanks to like average putting I would say. The standard's incredibly high out here week in and week out and average putting just isn't going to get it done.

So nice to see myself kind of up on the first page of a leaderboard, and hopefully I can play a couple more good rounds and be in the hunt here. It would be pretty awesome to get a victory here again.

Q. What was the favorite shot you hit today, Adam?

ADAM SCOTT: I hit a few, hit a few good ones, but because I like the 12th hole so much, it's my favorite hole, I think that was a pretty shot I hit in there. It was a little three-quarter 6-iron, just slight fade. It was a very nice shot, I like that one.

Q. Adam, you talk about that you hold this tournament in very high regard. Does that mean you're a proponent of maybe this being a playoff event or later in the year with better weather?

ADAM SCOTT: It can be whatever it needs to be. Like this event, it's got it all really. It's fabulous. If it ends up in that spot, it would be great. It holds its own in this spot. Like let's have some good weather on the weekend. I think it's going to be an incredible atmosphere, the leaderboard's jammed up the top with great names. This event can be wherever it wants, it's going to be fantastic.

