

ROUND 3 QUICK QUOTES
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ADAM SCOTT (-12)



Q. Adam, 6-under 65 to get yourself somewhat in contention. How would you assess that round?

ADAM SCOTT: It was a good round of golf. There was some fun stuff happening out there, a hole-out and a pitch-in, so that always helps. I think it would have been great if I kind of converted a couple down the stretch. Surprisingly missed a few putts that I feel like I would have been making the last few days. So that's how it goes, it's hard to complain when you shoot bogey free 65.

Q. The front nine and the back nine are very different nines here; the front nine is very scorable, the back nine seems a little more difficult. How does that affect your strategy when you go out and play this golf course?

ADAM SCOTT: Yeah, the front you want to get off to a good start, and you've got a great opportunity with two par 5s in the first six holes. So at the very least you're looking to kind of be a couple under through six no matter what the conditions are really, then work on building a round from there.

The wind direction today, it was just playing slightly tougher, the back nine, I think. It's tricky, the wind around here. Even though it's been light, it seems to be just moving slightly during the afternoon so you've got to pay attention.

Q. Did the hole-out surprise you on 9? Was it kind of --

ADAM SCOTT: Not really. I said to John, like a step left of it and it spins right in the hole, and I managed to do exactly that. It's fun when it goes in, but I actually hit a nice shot, that one.

Q. You mentioned in your pre-tournament press conference that winning in Japan is something that's missing from your resume. What sort of sense of accomplishment would that give you if you were to get across the line tomorrow and achieve that?

ADAM SCOTT: It would be nice just to win anything, to be honest with you, at this point. It's been like six years since I've won on the PGA Tour. I'm frustrated by that. I feel like there's been some good golf in there and I haven't made the most of it, but it also shows how hard it is to win on the PGA Tour now. So this is a great chance for me tomorrow to go out and have a fantastic round and hopefully it's better than everyone else.

Q. Can you explain the difference between the Japanese turf and the turf in the

States?

ADAM SCOTT: Well, most of this is Zoysia, I think. Actually, we play on this turf at the Tour Championship in Atlanta, so occasionally we do play on the stronger blade Zoysia grass like this. But I will say the rough is the biggest flyers we've ever seen anywhere ever this week, so the Zoysia rough is dangerous because it's very hard to control.

Q. Can you walk us through No. 9 again, what kind of yardage you had for your approach shot?

ADAM SCOTT: Yeah. I had 93 yards and it was a little down the hill but a little into the wind, so I felt like it was a 93-type shot. The perfect shot was to land it like one step to the left of the pin and just past and have it spin in, and that's exactly what it did.

Q. Are you happy with -- you probably had a lot of hole-outs in the past. Are you really happy when that kind of --

ADAM SCOTT: Oh, yeah, it's a big bonus when it goes in like that, so set me up for a great score today.