

**ROUND 2 INTERVIEW: WES SHORT, JR.**  
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**MODERATOR:** Wes, congratulations on that back nine. Can you give us kind of the summary of the day, and in particular that back nine including that hole-in-one?

**WES SHORT, JR.:** That was fun on the back side. The front side I got off to a good start like I wanted. I birdied -- I didn't birdie No. 2, but I birdied 3 and 4, then I bogeyed 5 and 6 and gave it back. Then hit two good shots on No. 9 to about six feet with a 5-iron, missed it though, made birdie though, then I parred 10, then I hit two good shots into 11 to about 30 feet and 2-putted for a birdie. Then I made -- holed it with a 7-iron on No. 12, then it seemed like the holes just started keeping getting in the way. I think I birdied 13, 14, 15, 16, and I finally made a par, felt like, man, I messed up. Then hit a good putt on the last hole too, it almost went in. But the back side was a lot of fun. But there's a lot of birdie holes out there. You can get it going on that back side. You know, get 2 or 3-under on the front, and then the back side is where you can kind of take advantage of the course, I believe.

**Q. Back to that hole-in-one, what was the distance? What was it playing? When it was in the air, were you thinking this is going to be a good shot? Can you take us through that hole-in-one?**

**WES SHORT, JR.:** Yeah, I hit a 7-iron, I think it was 194, but it was downhill like seven or eight. I hit a good shot, I thought it started the winds blowing left to right too, started a little bit left and the wind drifted it back and landed, just I thought it was going to be close, but then it disappeared. So it was quite -- only second hole-in-one I made in competition, so that was pretty fun.

**Q. How did it affect you? I mean, mentally on the next tee, obviously we saw what you did after that, but you seem like a pretty low key guy. Did it rattle you in any way?**

**WES SHORT, JR.:** No, it was, you know, you kind of got to keep going, especially since I didn't get off to a very good start yesterday. I needed to go pretty low today to -- well, maybe I thought if I played really good the last two days I could maybe finish in the top ten because, you know, start nine behind is going to be hard to ever catch anybody with two days left, especially when the course is in such good shape and the greens are great to -- putts are going in, so they're going to go low. But I thought finally made it, you know, seemed like maybe get the round going because I'd hit a lot of good shots, just kind of wasn't converting early. But after that it seemed like I converted a lot.

**Q. What was the difference in the playing conditions from yesterday to today or were they about the same?**

**WES SHORT, JR.:** I think the wind is blowing a little bit more today. I just didn't do a very good job of playing yesterday, and today I hit a lot of good shots and had a lot of good

opportunities and I converted on them. Yesterday I think I don't even remember if I even made a couple 1-putts. Today I putted good, so big difference.

**Q. Can you take us through your last month? You know, several senior majors and then last week at Oakmont, what was that like going from here to there and now back again?**

**WES SHORT, JR.:** You know, last week was -- that's a tough golf course. I mean, it makes this one seem a lot easier. I'm having a little trouble getting putts to the hole because the greens last week were so fast. But this month has been, you know, this is my sixth week in a row. We've played -- I've played four majors out of the six weeks. I'm really looking forward to next week to have some time off. You know, the last two tournaments, especially there at the Cricket Club, the conditions were tough. I mean, the wind blew, the greens were firm, which actually helped me I thought for the Open, but I just didn't drive it well in the Open. And one thing about the Open, if you -- it penalizes every shot you don't hit right. But it was my first Open, I was glad to play. I didn't play like I wanted, but I was there so I can at least say I was there.

**Q. There was such a (inaudible)?**

**WES SHORT, JR.:** Yes, after Des Moines I flew to Columbus, got in there quite late, about 2:30 in the morning, got up at 4:45, went and played two golf courses I've never seen and played well and then it just seemed like, man, ever since then, 36 holes in one day and I haven't -- fly over to the Cricket Club and then that course beats you up too and just seems like I haven't gotten much rest. Like I said, I'm really looking forward to next week.

**MODERATOR:** Wes, do you want to go through those -- run starting at No. 11 through 16, your shots?

**WES SHORT, JR.:** Okay. No. 11, par 5, I hit a good drive and a 6-iron to about I want to say 30 feet, 2-putted there, next hole is the par 3, 7-iron, I think 194 downhill, made it, so that was pretty good. The next hole I hit 3-wood off the tee and had 65 yards, hit a good sand wedge in there to about six feet and made it. Next hole hit a 3-wood off the tee down the hill a little bit, a little bit in the rough, hit a good shot in there to about four feet, made it.

**MODERATOR:** What was your second --

**WES SHORT, JR.:** I had 110.

**MODERATOR:** What did you hit?

**WES SHORT, JR.:** I hit a gap wedge. And then the next hole they moved up the tee, hit kind of pulled a 3-wood into that bunker to the left of the green, had about 40-yard bunker shot. Hit a good bunker shot to about eight feet, made it. And then No. 16, hit a good drive, just went through the fairway, got some rough, had kind of a marginal lie, pulled it a little bit,

went long with an 8-iron into the bunker behind the green and hit a good bunker shot to probably about I want to say about eight feet and made it.

**MODERATOR:** Any opportunities on the last two?

**WES SHORT, JR.:** I left it one row short on the last hole, looked like it peeked in and came back, but hit a good one.

**Q. Wes, a lot of guys really burned out just playing three weeks in a row. With the schedule you have, how are you doing this, how are you able to play so well given how tired you must be?**

**WES SHORT, JR.:** I only played nine holes Monday and then Tuesday I played nine, then I was in the pro-am, played 18 and I rode. Luckily out here you can ride if you want. Last week at the open the only thing that I kind of was disappointed about was I was pretty tired and I only played nine holes every day and to try to get ready for the tournament. And didn't really get to know the greens near like I should have or, you know, wish I had a little bit more time. But, you know, it is what it is. I felt like that I'd like to try to save my legs for the tournament, so I just played nine holes every day.

**Q. What does this tournament mean for you if you are, at the end of the day, fortunate enough to be last group, next to last group, what will the outlook be for tomorrow?**

**WES SHORT, JR.:** I think I'll probably still be four or five behind probably at least, and another round like tomorrow, I don't know if it would be good enough still, but that's what I was -- my goal was to try to shoot 9-under both days, see what happened. And you know then we got to No. 10 and my caddie said, you know, we need to sleep a little later. That getting up that early is -- we better get on it. So, you know, we got it to going.

**MODERATOR:** Thanks a lot.