

**ROUND 2 INTERVIEW**  
**June 24, 2017**



**Scott Verplank (-10)**

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**Q. Good day out there?**

**SCOTT VERPLANK:** Yeah, I was very happy with 6 under. It was pretty tough. The wind's blowing pretty hard and kind of whipping around through the trees. So yeah, I scored very well today.

**Q. What was the difference given the conditions, and how did you settle in in the right mind to do what you did?**

**SCOTT VERPLANK:** Well, you know, I live in Oklahoma City and I grew up in Dallas, so it's usually pretty windy there. I don't necessarily say I like playing in the wind, but I'm kind of used to it. I just dealt with that pretty well.

I didn't actually hit it as good today as I did yesterday, but I made more putts. So when it's windy, you need to make putts because you hit some good shots that don't end up very good. So very pleased with that.

**Q. Did you start out the day thinking you have to shoot something like 6 under to get in the competition?**

**SCOTT VERPLANK:** Oh, yeah, yeah. Listen, scoring out here is actually pretty amazing. It's a little tougher day than yesterday, but still you know there's going to be good scores and guys play good out here.

**Q. When you looked at that and then you look at the leaderboard, what do you expect tomorrow?**

**SCOTT VERPLANK:** Oh, a lot of the same. I don't know for sure what the weather is. I guess it might be a little cooler, but I don't know if it's going to be as windy. But there will be guys that make lots of birdies, and I expect guys that are a few shots back to make birdies and try to get up there around the lead. So it will be good. It's actually great competition out here.

**Q. Does tomorrow change then for you from a competition standpoint. Is there a PGA Tour adrenaline that flows on a Sunday when you're right there?**

**SCOTT VERPLANK:** Well, a little bit, but it's still -- it's still -- you have to ask Stricker that because he still plays. It's been a year since I played a regular tour event. Listen, wherever you play golf and you get competitive and you're playing, it doesn't matter what level you're

playing at. If you play well or you're playing to win, it's always fun and it makes you better.

**Q. Did I hear correctly, are you staying with Steve this week?**

**SCOTT VERPLANK:** Yes, I'm staying with Steve. They're feeding me pretty good so far. I'm hoping we'll get paired together tomorrow, that would be good.

**Q. Who makes the dinners and who makes the breakfasts?**

**SCOTT VERPLANK:** Oh, listen, he's pretty busy this week.

**Q. I heard.**

**SCOTT VERPLANK:** Yeah. So basically we just go wherever they're going to have us for dinner and we all show up. Sometimes I go one way and they go the other. It's great. He and I have been really good, close friends for a long time. Had a lot of dinners together in the last 15 years on the regular tour because we were like the only two guys that were old enough to be playing out there. Great friends. His family and my family are friends, so it's a tremendous week.

**Q. So you're not surprised by this type of a turnout for this event, not just in the field but in the galleries?**

**SCOTT VERPLANK:** No. You know what, Strick is -- like I said, we're very close friends, so I know what kind of person he is, know how he is. It's nice that Madison, he's basically Madison's son it looks like to me. And for a PGA TOUR Champions event, this is pretty awesome and it's great to have him. He's such a good guy. Hopefully he finishes up good today and we'll be right in there tomorrow.

**Q. Apparently you picked up something from Nicki in the pro-am, huh? She must have taught you something?**

**SCOTT VERPLANK:** Hey, Nicki made three birdies in a row in the pro-am.

**Q. Did she really?**

**SCOTT VERPLANK:** Yes. So yeah, we've already agreed that we'll play again next year, me and Nicki's team. That was pretty good.