

SCOTT DUNLAP (- 8)

Q. How did you hit them out there today?

SCOTT DUNLAP: Yeah, I was thinking going into this week I haven't used up much of my good golfing quota at Tucson National over the years. We played here in college, I played mini-tour events here, I played regular tour events here, and now I'm playing the PGA TOUR Champions here. I've always liked the golf course. I've done okay, but nothing great. So today was kind of special to hit it good and make some putts, too.

Q. I guess when you play a course that many times over your lifetime, I mean how does it change, how does it differ maybe from the first time you play it?

SCOTT DUNLAP: Therein lies the problem, it's completely and utterly unchanged. If it suits you, that's great. If it doesn't suit you, you're kind of in a world of hurt. Yeah, I don't ever seem to make many putts out here and today I did. So maybe always felt like I was confused on the greens or whatever, but I've always liked the golf course and expect to play well. Today was more like it.

Q. You went on a run, was it three in a row, 16, 17, 18?

SCOTT DUNLAP: 17, 18, making the turn, right? 18, jeez, what a -- that's one of the great finishing holes. It was 40 years ago and it still is today. And then you take 4 there and run. 3's a bonus. Then got going again. Didn't put it in the four corners and rest on my laurels, kind of kept after it. Even missed a couple I could have made, left it in the jar from eight feet. No shortage of opportunities today and I took advantage of most of them.

Q. Billy hit it in the water at 18. I guess what's the key to not doing that?

SCOTT DUNLAP: Got to pick a line, hit the right shot. You can't bail out left because there's water over there, too. You have to stand up there and hit one. That's why it's great. With it on the line, you've got to stand up there and make it happen, which is what you want in a finishing hole.

Q. I guess is that nice then not to have to play that as the last hole on this particular round?

SCOTT DUNLAP: You know, it lurks, whether it's 9 or 18. You wouldn't want it out of the box, let's put it that way, but at least it's somewhere middle of the round or at the end.

Q. Finishing up here on 9 with a birdie, must give you even more confidence going

into tomorrow?

SCOTT DUNLAP: Yeah, for sure, because it's always an awkward tee shot. You can't really see the right edge, the tee box aims over there. It's kind of a little catty-wampus. But once you get the ball in play, I like to try to get it down there. If you lay too far back, you can't hold that green with a middle iron. At least I got it down there where I got a 9-iron in my hand and now it's a birdie hole potentially, and luckily it became one.