

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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WEBB SIMPSON (-4)



Q. Good start for you. Of course, compared to what Brandt did, maybe not so good, but all in all, a good start for you.

WEBB SIMPSON: Yeah, 66 is always good. We didn't have a whole lot of wind today, so I think the scores will be pretty low. But after bogeying 10, it was a good solid round, didn't do anything flashy. Looks like I'm going to have to put together a few good ones to catch him.

Q. This is such a special stop for you. You're a North Carolina guy and for a lot of reasons you love this place, don't you?

WEBB SIMPSON: I do, yeah, for a lot of reasons. But it was my first Tour win in 2011 and the golf course, I've always felt very comfortable out here and know what I'm doing, so it's always a pleasure to come back.

Q. A lot of players in your position, 12th in FedExCup points, would be taking the week off. Obviously this is meaningful for you and maybe it will get you ready for the Playoffs?

WEBB SIMPSON: Yeah, if you look at my history here, this is probably, you know, the number one course in terms of my best success for my last 10 years. So this is one that's a tough week on the schedule sometimes, but I manage it and I figured it out over the years how to rest in between tournaments and still be ready for the Playoffs.

Q. You're in great shape physically, you've been working hard in that area, so it's not a problem playing all these events?

WEBB SIMPSON: No. As long as I'm taking care of myself, eating right, taking the day off on Monday in between, I'll be okay.

Q. And lastly, what about the 59 for Brandt, that's pretty special?

WEBB SIMPSON: Yeah, that's awesome. I saw him hole out on the 6th hole and hit it close on 7, then I hear he made a 20-footer on the last hole, which is pretty special.

Q. Maybe a 59 for you tomorrow?

WEBB SIMPSON: Yeah, hope so.