



SCOTT PIERCY (-9)

Q. Scott, you mentioned a couple weeks off heading into this week. Did you foresee a round like this coming on?

SCOTT PIERCY: You know, the last couple weeks, the U.S. Open and RBC, I started off at the U.S. Open well, but it was kind of smoke and mirrors and a hot putter. I just mentioned that the driver wasn't -- it had eaten sort of the head off my irons because when I hit it out of the center of the face, I would hit it right with my driver. So we had to weight it a certain way to make it -- when I make the correct swing, the ball's in the right spot. So once we got the driver figured out, the iron swing came back. And when I'm playing really well, I hit my irons well. I think you said I missed one or two greens or three greens. I hit it pretty close. So the putter's been working pretty well this year and it continued today.

Q. You had a couple long putts, too, that went in?

SCOTT PIERCY: Yeah. The one on 15 was huge just to kind of keep the momentum going. The one on 8 was a pretty good putt, it was probably 15 feet. The one on 15 was about 30 feet. You know, but I made sort of those mid range, 10- to 15-footers, a few of those that helped, really helped things go.

Q. You committed here weeks ago but at Pebble you said you might have to de-commit, that you might not actually make it here. Was there a conflict, and how close did you actually come to that?

SCOTT PIERCY: No, I ended up pulling out last week. I really wanted to play last week, but I played seven out of nine through the Open and I was exhausted. I needed a couple weeks off. I didn't even touch a club until Friday. You know, I put in a few hours Friday, Saturday and just to kind of get the rust off. Once we figured out that the driver was sort of eating the head off the irons, then, you know, I kind of know where I'm at from there.

Q. So at one point were you thinking this might be a week off?

SCOTT PIERCY: No. I wanted to play Rocket Mortgage and here. I got the next three weeks off, I think, unless I continue on this pace, then I might be at Memphis. I'm definitely taking the next two weeks off and be rested for the Playoffs and Wyndham.

Q. Why these two, Detroit and this week?

SCOTT PIERCY: You know, I heard good things about the golf courses. New events, so nobody really has an advantage. Courses that, like this, there's a good number of, say,

short irons, 9-irons, 8-irons, wedges, that's sort of my strong suit, so if I drive it well in the fairway.

I heard last week obviously was a low scoring thing, so they probably had a lot of the same and that's what I had heard. The golf courses, you want to play the golf courses that suit your game. Whenever I can get sort of an 8-iron on down in my hand, that's my strength.

Q. The last couple holes you had about 10 people following you. Was it like that all day with the crowds just ahead of you with the groups?

SCOTT PIERCY: Yeah. I mean, no TV, no crowds. I had a couple people, so I give them kudos. It's fine, whatever. Whatever I play good, there's not much TV on me.

Q. How did the weather affect your --

SCOTT PIERCY: It's true.

Q. -- your round? You had a little delay to start. Once you got going and kind of intermittent showers --

SCOTT PIERCY: Obviously that was really weird. I was on 2 fairway or 2 rough, whatever. I walked in and I walked upstairs, grabbed a bowl of soup and my caddie called me and said, I'm in a cart going to the ball. I'm like, what? I never heard anything. I just wolfed down some soup real quick, jumped back on a cart and off we went. The rain, it was nice, it was just little pop-ups. Obviously a different wind than the practice rounds, but seemed to be okay.

Q. Nobody knew quite what to expect out of this course. Did you think there was a 62 out there today?

SCOTT PIERCY: No. I mean, I guess if you like get really hot you can do it, like I did. I was thinking, you know, 4, 5 under a day would be nice. You always get one or two guys that kind of go really low and I just happened to be that guy.