

**ROUND 1 INTERVIEW**  
**February 25, 2021**

**WEBB SIMPSON (-6)**



**Q. When was the first time you saw the golf course?**

**WEBB SIMPSON:** Tuesday.

**Q. Do you put in extra work with Paul to get ready in that situation?**

**WEBB SIMPSON:** Yeah, we were a little slow in our practice rounds, there was more to talk about, more conversation. We do have a system of how we plot golf courses and so we still did that the same way we always do, we just took our time a little more and tried to be a little more observant on the greens and around the greens.

**Q. How much more longer do you think?**

**WEBB SIMPSON:** You know, probably an extra question or two or conversation or two per hole. We go to some of these courses and we don't even talk about anything because we know where to hit it, we know where to miss it. Here we say every tee shot, if we're downwind, what are we doing, if we're into the wind, what are we doing. And then around the greens he's already done his work without me, so he's -- I'm kind of double checking what he's doing and agreeing with him. So he did a lot of work himself. I think he did 18 holes besides what I did.

**Q. And your overall thoughts of how you played today and your overall thoughts how the course played today?**

**WEBB SIMPSON:** Yeah, the course is fantastic. It's firm. I was hoping it would get firm and fast. It takes that lengthy scorecard down a little bit. Very pleased with the start. I worked on a couple things last week with putting alignment and with my driver and I saw good things from that today. You always want to see it first round back, but it doesn't always happen that way, so I was happy to see like tough tee shots with trouble, really stepping up and making good swings. And made a lot of putts today, so that was a good feeling.

**Q. No. 12, how do you think through that tee shot? I've never seen such a wide dispersion of people doing different things.**

**WEBB SIMPSON:** For me, if I can't carry that bunker, I'm going to lay it up. And I like going up the right so I just hit it straight down left center. But tomorrow's a different wind, tomorrow probably be going for the green. It's a great hole.

**Q. This is a little more general, but how do you approach -- I notice there's a fair**

**amount of waiting on a hole like that and then in general with a bunch of reachable par 5s today. How do you approach waiting for the green to clear and then resettling yourself?**

**WEBB SIMPSON:** Hopefully, you've got people you're out with and you enjoy and you talk to. You try to kind of get out of golf mode. With 70, whatever we have, 76 people, threesomes, it's going to be slow, so I think we know that going in and that helps. Hopefully, they'll send us off in twos on Saturday and Sunday.