

**ROUND 3 INTERVIEW  
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**SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER (-7)**

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**Q. Scottie, in good position heading into the final round. I know today's scoring was a lot different for everybody, yesterday as opposed to today. Just some thoughts on what you think was the reason for that and how satisfied you are with your round.**

**SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER:** I'm fairly satisfied with my round. I kept myself in position. Things were kind of getting a little iffy there for me for a little bit. I felt like I was playing good golf and I was 1 over through 13 holes and I felt like I was playing a lot better than that. Definitely nice to make a few birdies down the stretch to get things back in the red.

**Q. Great week last week in Mexico, great round yesterday. How much does something like that do for your confidence?**

**SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER:** I feel like I'm playing solid golf right now. I'm hitting a decent amount of fairways, a decent amount of greens, starting to roll the ball pretty good. There's a few days where the putts may have not all gone in, but I always seem to be hitting them right around the cup at the appropriate speed so they're bound to start falling eventually.

**Q. Scottie, what's it going to take to close this thing out for tomorrow?**

**SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER:** I think just a good solid round of golf. There's a lot of good players in the field and the leaderboard's pretty tight together. I'm just going to go out there and do my best and try to put a good round together.

**Q. When you're talking about solid golf, for a solid golfer to do really well here, you don't have to be really a splashy golfer, just play four good solid rounds and you're going to be right in there?**

**SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER:** Yeah, I mean, I think I always prefer the harder courses because I feel like I can take it deep on them still and get myself back in the tournament, which I did this week. This golf course is pretty challenging, but it's not a golf course where if you're playing great golf, you can't take advantage of it. There's some scoring holes out there and I'm just going to do my best tomorrow to put myself in position and hopefully make some birdies.

**Q. You were talking about yesterday, there's always so many tournaments that you need 20 under to win, so this is considered like one of the tougher courses out here on the Tour?**

**SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER:** Yeah, 100 percent. You see that with the lead being 7 under going

into Sunday and it's not because of any crazy conditions out here, it's just a challenging course.

**Q. Any number you're looking at that you think you may have to shoot tomorrow?**

**SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER:** No, I'm just going to go out there and try to get off to a good start and hopefully put myself out in front early and stay there.

**Q. It was kind of similar going into Sunday last year. Why is this a place that no one really seems to separate from the pack?**

**SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER:** I would say it's, like I said earlier, it's a place where you can score, it's just really difficult to. You saw it with some of the pins today, the spots where they're sitting, I think the putts around them were pretty difficult, too. I felt like I had a lot of cross grain putts where the break is one way, the grain's going the other. Just like a few times where I felt like I hit into a really good spot on the green and I'm putting kind of awkwardly like over a little mound or something like that. Just depends on where you put your ball.

I think the harder courses you're going to see guys a little bit closer together, but it's just like, it's kind of hard to explain because you get those tournaments where you shoot 25 under and win and going into the last day it's like the winner's at 18 and top-10's at 12 or 13 under and they're still pretty tight, too. It just so happens that you can only catch up so much. You can see something crazy, some guy shooting a low number from really far back tomorrow. You kind of don't know what to expect on these hard courses.

**Q. Is it firm enough now from today that just hitting in the fairway is especially important with that kind of bermuda rough?**

**SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER:** The last few days it's been crazy important just because how wet it was in the first two rounds. If you hit it in the rough you'd probably have a mud ball and then from there basically no hope. So going into tomorrow I think the golf course is firming up nicely and I think there's going to be some scoring opportunities tomorrow.