



SCOTT PIERCY (-13)

Q. Scott, as Fred talked about back here, putting's obviously something you've got to be happy with, upwards of 300 feet after two rounds. If you could just touch on that, plus kind of the bigger picture of how you're feeling after 36 holes.

SCOTT PIERCY: Yeah, like I said, I put the new putter in yesterday. I think it got me a little bit farther away from the ball, maybe a little bit more on the balls of my feet instead of my heels, so maybe I'm a little more stable. I think the squareness of the putter kind of helps me line it up. For some reason I feel like it's either -- it's a little hotter roll than my old one because I have a tendency to leave stuff short, but I'm getting a lot of balls to the hole so they have a chance to go in.

Q. At the risk of asking a stupid question, how good does it feel to be in the position you're in? You've won out here on Tour before, you've led after a number of rounds before. How good does it feel to be having all the parts come together so well?

SCOTT PIERCY: Obviously it feels great. It's been a little bit since I've played like I feel like I should play. To kind of prove it to myself again, I know it's in there, it's just like, okay, how do we get it out of me. There's a lot of business to take care of this weekend, but to come out the first two days and do what I did gives me a lot of confidence going into the weekend.

Q. Can you remember the last time you started with four birdies?

SCOTT PIERCY: No. You need a stat guy for that.

Q. That part of the golf course, I think you're 8 under in holes 10 through 14. Is there anything that fits your eye on that stretch or just happen to play it well or what do you think goes into that?

SCOTT PIERCY: Well, obviously 12 is a par 5, so we like to think we can get those. No. 10 you have a wedge in your hand pretty much both days, so I feel like I'm pretty good with a wedge, and I've made long putts on that hole both days.

Thirteen or 14, 13 today was an amazing shot. It was like as hard as I can hit a 6-iron and draw it with the wind, that was just as perfect as I could hit it. And then 14 yesterday I had a 9-iron in my hand and I stuffed one there. If I can get the short irons in my hands, I think, and in the fairway, I have a bit of an advantage and I've done a good job of that so far.

Q. You talked yesterday about the four changes you made. Were there any changes left to make today?

SCOTT PIERCY: Just go repeat.

Q. They moved the tee times up, last group 8:40 tomorrow. Does that make any difference to you, less hours with the lead?

SCOTT PIERCY: No, I think it might be good to stay in the rhythm. Just get some dinner, get some sleep, get up and let's do it again. None of us want to play in the weather anyway, so it's good that we get it done early. Hopefully we can get it in before the weather comes.

Q. When you're putting like the way you've putted over the last two days, does that just give you confidence over the rest of the game that hey, if I do leave it 12 feet here, I feel confident I can make a par putt there? Does that kind of reverberate confidence for you?

SCOTT PIERCY: It's nice because the good ball-strikers out here hit it 10 to 15 feet a lot and start being mad that they missed 10- to 15-footers, which 10- to 15-footers statistically aren't like easy putts, right? So the fact that you can hit it 10 feet, 15 feet, 25 feet and feel like you have a chance to make it, kind of I'm not going to say it lessens the load, but it's easier to not have to squeeze at pins and not squeezing the pins takes bogeys out of play. And it's nice when you're making 30-footers because you're like, oh, I've got 10 feet here, yeah, I've got this. You sort of lick your chops a little more instead of like, oh, man, I haven't made a 15-footer all day. Does that make sense?

I just feel like I've just stayed in my process, which it's like all right, line it up, get set up to it right and let's just hit it. If it goes in, it goes in and if not, let's go hit it again.

Q. Three weeks of the season including this one left, you're just outside that 125 spot. Are you consciously thinking about that going into a week? Is that on your mind as you're approaching this last stretch?

SCOTT PIERCY: I know where I'm at. I was kind of in the same situation last year, finished third in Reno and I think 16th at Greensboro. So I've been out here a long time, I know what I need to do. Just wishing I'd have done it earlier in the season.