

**WEBB SIMPSON (-13)**

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**Q. Sixty-three, pretty strong. What was clicking today?**

**WEBB SIMPSON:** I had a good warmup. I didn't hit it great yesterday. I had a session on the range last night that was actually going the wrong way, then last 20 balls got a little better.

Today was great. I needed -- my position, I needed the wind to blow, it's the only protection of this golf course besides the rough, and thankfully the rough [sic] is blowing. It's not playing easy, but just a good day. I was pretty resolved today to make the best decisions possible in each moment and I did a great job of that.

**Q. And where do you go from here now? Your season's sort of over.**

**WEBB SIMPSON:** Yeah.

**Q. Do you have plans for the fall to play at all?**

**WEBB SIMPSON:** I'm going to play -- Napa's my first one, so I have five weeks off. But I look forward to continuing to kind of build. I don't really think I'm rebuilding my game, I think I'm just like trying to get better like I always have. So it's the best time of year for fall weather to be out and try to get better, improve.

**Q. Do you feel like you've been chasing it and you're gaining on it?**

**WEBB SIMPSON:** Yeah, I definitely feel like I've been chasing it for a while. My last good tournament was in March at Valspar and I've just been a little off. Like really my first three rounds were kind of that, what I've been doing, like should have been 4 under and I shot 2 under, should have been 6 under and I shot 3 under.

Today, you know, I don't necessarily know what was different. I'm sure I'll think about it, figure it out. Today showed me I'm on the right track with what I'm working on because, you know, I'm not going to come close to winning this tournament, but you still, you get 4, 5 under, you know you're about to have a good finish and the juices start flowing. That's when you really I feel like get a fair test of your technique and hitting shots. I hit some of my best shots down the stretch, so that makes me think I'm on the right track.

**Q. Are you trying to find what you had or is it something you're --**

**WEBB SIMPSON:** No, I'm trying to find what I had. So the swing I keep looking at is from



2013, so 10 years ago. Much younger, less kids. But I'm in good shape, like it's not a physical issue.

It's just a matter of I had two years of trying to hit it further and it paid off in the moment, in 2020 I won twice I think thanks to my length that I gained, but it put me in a two, two-and-a-half year hole of bad ball-striking and I'm still working my way out of that. That's kind of the goal this fall is to get it closer and closer and closer to 2013.

**Q. Has James gotten into golf at all?**

**WEBB SIMPSON:** He hasn't, not much, just a little bit.

**Q. Do you regret chasing the distance?**

**WEBB SIMPSON:** Yes and no. I mean, I would say overall no because I won the Vardon Trophy that year. That's probably my -- the highest honor I received in golf was the Byron Nelson Award. And I won twice.

But it made me realize -- like I felt like I did it the smart way, but it made me realize, hey, when you change something in your golf swing that drastic, unless you're really careful, you're going to pay for it eventually.

So maybe Paul and I should have hit pause after a year of it, but it's hard because I'm playing the best golf of my life. I'm fourth in the world in the summer of 2020 and I'm surely not going to stop trying to hit it further at that point. So I kind of look back and I'm like, yeah, I wish I hadn't done that, but at the same time it got me my best year I've ever had.

