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ADAM SCOTT



ALLIE LeCLAIR: We would like to welcome Adam Scott into the Wyndham Championship interview room.

This is a big week for you, Adam, as you are one of two players that have made every FedExCup Playoffs since inception in 2007, and you enter the week at No. 81.

Can you talk a little bit about your game plan and expectations for this week?

ADAM SCOTT: Yeah, well, I feel like my game is good, so my game plan is to go out there and really focus. Sometimes when you're up against it like this, there's only really one outcome. It's like qualifying for a tournament except this is kind of a four-day qualifier for me. So sometimes that can really help you, it can intensify your focus and get the job done.

I've been in similar positions before, kind of made a run last year through the Playoffs and hopefully I can do that again.

ALLIE LeCLAIR: You just wrapped up your pro-am. Can you talk a little bit about the course?

ADAM SCOTT: The course is looking good. The greens are fairly firm actually. Seems like they're going to be the challenging part this week. I really like this golf course, you have to play good, hit good golf shots to get good results, and with the greens firm, even more so. And they're sneaky fast. It's a classic old-style golf course that just requires good solid golf.

Q. You're one of three former No. 1 players in the world in this field. I know this is going back in time a little bit, but back to 2014, how awesome was that feeling and being No. 1 in the world since Norman did it? What was that like?

ADAM SCOTT: It's a big moment, for sure, to know that you are the best player in the world. It's childhood dreams come true. They were my dreams as a kid, watching Norman be No. 1 and wanting to aspire to that myself.

Then the reality of turning pro a couple years after Tiger Woods really felt like for a decade that dream was gone and not even possible.

You know, timing ended up working out for me and I played my best golf a little later into my career and managed to find myself at No. 1. I was seven or eight weeks as No. 1 in the world and I won a tournament as No. 1 in the world.



You know, it's a really fun time to look back on and also to see like a few years of good play that it took to get there, it wasn't just overnight.

Q. What's the difference of the Adam Scott 2014 No. 1 in the world to today? Is it only like this (inaudible)?

ADAM SCOTT: I don't think it's that much. I think top level professional sport and golf, everything is a very fine line between being a top-10 player in the world, which is very close to No. 1, I think, and also being a Top-150 player in the world, it's very fine margins.

One better round of golf this year and I'd find myself well inside the FedExCup line at the moment at the right time, that's how small a margin it is over a season, just one round that is a few shots better.

I think overall though the difference between me then and now is I'm better in some areas and a little less consistent in other areas, and that's with maybe just life coming into play as well.

Q. When you're faced with a challenge like this, does it help to come to a golf course where you've had some positive success?

ADAM SCOTT: Yeah, I think -- yeah, I feel like I've had a good result here in the past, but it's also a course I really like the look of, so that's a nice feeling when you stand up on most of the tees and you can really see the shot you want to hit down the fairway. It makes it a little easier and comforting to know that you can feel the shot that you want to hit and do it.

I'm really confident that I can have a good week this week and hopefully it's good enough to keep me playing a little longer.

Q. You would obviously like to be inside the number, but do you like the move from 125 to 70 to start the Playoffs? It seems to have added almost like another week of playoffs to it.

ADAM SCOTT: I think it's hard to like it when you're on the outside, honestly. I generally do. I mean, that's my easy answer.

Looking at the whole FedExCup as a whole is a long, drawn-out thing, we could take the conversation in lots of directions, but I think it certainly intensifies the competition throughout the year and that's probably a good thing.

Q. Adam, Justin yesterday said this is just golf, playing to get into the Playoffs. Is there something that you can't -- you've done this before. Is there something you can't take with every shot and just kind of play and see what happens after four days?

ADAM SCOTT: A little bit. I mean, I'm really thinking about winning the tournament, not just



trying to squeak in next week. I probably have to have a pretty high result to get in anyway, so I may as well think about winning, that's what I would like to do the most this week.

Q. The news yesterday about Tiger joining the policy board and the changes, and you've been involved in a lot of this, just your perspective of what that means in terms of particularly -- seems like the players are taking a more active role in governing themselves; is that accurate?

ADAM SCOTT: I think it's fairly accurate. I think it's just to get that balance right. This is a players organization and off the back of some of the events this year and maybe in years past, it had felt like maybe that voice wasn't heard enough. I think the players have generally tried to get a bit organized recently and act responsible as members of this Tour and get that balance right going forward.

I certainly don't think the players want to be running the Tour, that's for sure. We need a lot of help with that. But I think getting that balance right so that the membership is heard accurately is kind of what this is.

And I applaud Tiger for volunteering to go up on the board. I think it's fantastic for the Tour moving forward and I think he also kind of has earned the right to have an opinion about how the Tour looks moving forward, to be honest.

ALLIE LeCLAIR: Good luck this week, Adam.

ADAM SCOTT: Yeah, thank you.

