QUICK QUOTES August 3, 2023

WEBB SIMPSON (-3)



## Q. Talk about your first round. Just surviving out there, I guess, huh?

**WEBB SIMPSON:** Yeah, we're not used to 70 degrees in Greensboro, but I played really nice. A few blemishes coming in, par of 15 after a good drive, bogey at 16 and 18. But 18's just an awkward lie, ball's so far below your feet and ball just skirted on me a little bit.

But all in all a good day, a lot of positives today. And Russell's playing great at 8 under. But there's not a ton of low scores, so I'll get back here in about 12 hours and do it again.

### Q. How's the injury? Are you pretty healthy now these days?

WEBB SIMPSON: Yeah, I'm healthy, I have no issues at all.

#### Q. What is it like coming back here? Obviously you had your first win here.

**WEBB SIMPSON:** It's great, it always feels like home. It's hard to believe it was 12 years ago that I had my first win, but this place is special. My brother lives here, my sister's right down the road, so I love coming back every year.

#### Q. Why do you think the golf course suits you so well?

**WEBB SIMPSON:** I think I grew up on greens similar to these, very undulating, doglegs like we have here. And it's tight, you've got to hit fairways and that's always been a strength of mine is keeping it in play. Once you play well at a course a few times, I think you start to believe no matter how you're playing coming in, you can play well. That's how I feel here.

#### Q. Did you have that feeling coming in this week?

**WEBB SIMPSON:** I did, yeah. I hadn't been playing great, but I had a month off and I mean, I thought coming here, it's about as good of a course for me as any of them. So yeah, I definitely had that feeling driving up here on Tuesday.

# Q. Some new Titleist 100s in the bag. What was the decision switching to those, and also how did they feel today?

**WEBB SIMPSON:** Yeah, I tested them a lot the last couple weeks. They're a little better than my blades out of the rough. And this golf course has a lot of rough and I thought the iron could be a little more stable, and I had a couple out of the rough today that they did pretty good. So it's a really similar look to what I was playing so wasn't a huge change, but



I'll probably always go back and forth.

# **Q.** I know Paul doesn't caddie for you anymore, but do you still work with him some on your game?

**WEBB SIMPSON:** Yes, I bounce ideas off him all the time, send him videos still. He's very much still a part of it and I always trust his opinion about as much as anybody.

