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**ADAM SCOTT**

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**MARK WILLIAMS:** We would like to welcome Adam Scott to the interview room here at the Butterfield Bermuda Championship.

Adam, welcome back, I guess I could say. It's been 10 years since you've been here. You were here for the Grand Slam in 2013 which you won. You got to play the back nine just now. What are your first thoughts on the golf course after seeing it for the first time in 10 years?

**ADAM SCOTT:** Yeah, it's great to be back. I was excited to come here, I had a great time and a good experience on this golf course for a couple of days 10 years ago. The course is very much what I remember it and, you know, really just going to spend the next couple days getting used to the condition of the golf course, the grass, the speed of the greens. There's a lot of movement on this terrain here and I think some subtleties on the green you've just got to pay attention to a little bit. It seems soft, so I'm sure the scoring's going to be pretty good whether the wind blows or not.

**MARK WILLIAMS:** So what was your incentive to come here? I know you were up in Boston recently for the announcement of the Boston Common TGL. What was the incentive for you to come and play here following that?

**ADAM SCOTT:** I think there were quite a few factors that fell into place that really made sense to play this week.

I was close by in Boston. This time of year I'm really not around the east coast normally, but there was the TGL announcement for Boston Common golf. That was great, great fun to be at Fenway Park yesterday for the day and see every bit of it. It felt like we did a lot of activities around there, it was really fun.

Also, I'm playing in Australia in just a couple weeks' time. After a fairly quiet period at the back end of the year, it's a good time to get going again, not only try and play well this week but get ready to be going in Australia.

And of course I feel like I've played fairly solid all year and not got results. I'm not going to get results being on the couch at home. It would be nice to get a result going on the PGA TOUR before next season starts and try and improve my standings and get a position in a couple of these signature events.

**MARK WILLIAMS:** I was going to mention you come in here No. 85 in the FedExCup Fall Series. You've played ZOZO I think is the only one of the fall, so that's in the back of your



mind, the incentive there to get in that 51 to 60 perhaps to get into those?

**ADAM SCOTT:** Well, that's nice because I get in those two and I wouldn't ask for an invite to them, but it's also a point where I have to balance a schedule, and being a bit older, I can't play everything and chase everything. So if it happens, it happens, and if it doesn't, it doesn't.

I don't expect to be given invites all over the place next year. I'll plan the best schedule I can and if I can get a couple of invites, that would be great, but it would be so much better to go out and win a tournament this week and kind of get some result out of some of the work I've put into the game and the changes I've kind of made this year and go into next year full of confidence.

**MARK WILLIAMS:** Do you feel like Port Royal fits your eye, and if so, why?

**ADAM SCOTT:** Yeah, I think so. I think I've played a lot of this results-style golf as a kid growing up on the Gold Coast. I mean, I call this results-style golf, this is a golf club, but the grass is similar to home in Queensland.

Yeah, I think it's helpful around here if you strike the ball well because it's hard scrambling a lot out of the rough, and with the wind blowing, I think that feels like home a bit as well. Certainly enjoy playing this kind of resort-style, tropical weather that feels a bit more like home to me.

**Q. Any (inaudible) you come in as a favorite and (inaudible) results you probably would have (inaudible)for and yet there's the (inaudible) despite the fact that you are a former No. 1, winner of the Masters, any (inaudible)?**

**ADAM SCOTT:** I don't think so. I think it's a nice thing. At many different times in my career I've come to events as the favorite or world No. 1 or in good form and expectation being high and that's kind of what I like. That's the environment I want to be in.

If that's the case this week, I feel like I am the best player here and that might help me perform a little better. So I don't find pressure like that. You can feed off that expectation a little bit.

**Q. And how difficult is it being able to motivate yourself now at 43 than you were at a much younger age?**

**ADAM SCOTT:** Honestly, yes at times, for sure. I think the year-round schedule makes it harder and my life has changed even from -- certainly from 10 years ago when I was here. A family, my own family now and certainly other priorities to balance with the game. You know, that's always a juggling act and at times there is motivation, but the passion is still there, that's for sure. It's just about balancing all this the best I can so that I can get the most out of myself in all these areas, which isn't easy because I really believe you can really only be



great at one thing. You can be good at lots of things, but only great at one.

**Q. Was there anything -- I know you only played the back nine, but was there anything that kind of stood out to you that you've kind of forgotten from 10 years ago when you played here that you saw today that was a little bit different?**

**ADAM SCOTT:** Yeah, the terrain probably. I probably forgot how much up and down there was on the golf course. It's quite severe in spots. Certainly playing up 18, I thought that was quite severe. There's a lot of tee shots where you don't see where the ball finishes and that's always a little more challenging than when the hole is right out in front of you. So a few things that I had to kind of settle into out there even in just nine holes.

**Q. Just going bat to the TGL announcement of Boston Common and your teammates, how do you feel like with the teammates, the mix of players from around the world?**

**ADAM SCOTT:** It's quite an interesting mix, I would say. I think the great thing is that we have Keegan from Boston and bringing that kind of -- that's his hometown element and the passion of Boston sports into the team. He's kind of a hype guy as well. I'm probably less so, but to see his passion to be saying he was representing the city of Boston yesterday was really great. You know, our hope is that this is really entertaining for everyone and with some good results from Boston Common, we get the city of Boston into the game of golf through it.

**Q. And you already touched on heading down to Australia, your homeland, to play some events down there. How many events will you play and how long will you stay there?**

**ADAM SCOTT:** I'm playing the Australian PGA and the Australian Open in a couple weeks' time and then I get to stay home for about five weeks after that before heading out early in the new year to play and settle back in Europe and then come out and play on the Tour. That will be nice. It's always nice, especially after long stretches like this year to be away all year and get to go home and enjoy six or seven weeks at home.

**Q. You had some issues with your driving accuracy (inaudible). Have you got those matters sorted?**

**ADAM SCOTT:** I think so. I mean, if we're going to look at the stats this year, my iron play was the worst. I think I was about 18th in strokes gained driving, so I didn't feel too bad about that, but my iron play is stand-out terrible this year. So I've been addressing that and I've made some equipment changes and, you know, testing some of that stuff still this week.

**Q. I think you had lost a few strokes, some of that may have been due to age? Does this course being a shorter championship course lend more to your game?**

**ADAM SCOTT:** Not really, no. No. I still drive it long. I think the key here, like I said before, is hitting a lot of greens. I think if you're missing too many, it's going to be hard to keep the



momentum going because it's not that easy around the greens with the type of grass and the severity of slope and things like that. So really a big focus. I would like to see my iron play improve from where it's been this year.

**Q. Adam, before the Butterfield Bermuda Championship was created, you obviously won here at the Grand Slam. How does coming back to a course, albeit you won that event a while ago, help your outlook on the week as you start to get things going?**

**ADAM SCOTT:** Yeah, I think whenever you're coming back to a place where you've had good results, there's a positive vibe, that's for sure. I was excited to come back to Bermuda anyway. I had a great experience here on and off the golf course the last time I was here and I'm really pleased that it was fitting into the schedule, making sense to come here this year.

And of course like every time I play, I'm here to try and win this golf tournament. I've been working at a lot of different things in my game and I'm trying to put it all together here this week.

**Q. Anything in particular off the golf course you're looking forward to doing?**

**ADAM SCOTT:** Getting in the ocean, that's what I miss most of the year everywhere I go. And the water looks beautiful, so I can't wait to get in the ocean.

