

ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES
March 7, 2024



SCOTT PIERCY (-7)

Q. Scott, that was a heck of a round. Where do we even start with the highlights. Had 5 under through six holes, mainly highlighted at the 14th hole. If you can just kind of take me through with some clubs and yards.

SCOTT PIERCY: Yeah, holed it from the fairway, I think I had 176. I guess I was in the rough, but you don't plan on holing it from the rough or from the fairway very often. I had 176, kind of a little wind down off the right. I thought it was going to jump so I hit an 8-iron, landed about three yards short and trickled in the hole.

Q. Well, 8-under 64 is great round. You birdied the last three holes to get it done.

SCOTT PIERCY: Seven under, I got 7 under.

Q. You finished at 7, I'm sorry, my bad. Giving you too much credit.

SCOTT PIERCY: I wish it was 8.

Q. Birdies on your last three. Just overall about the whole round, obviously a lot felt good I would imagine.

SCOTT PIERCY: Yeah, I had a couple good breaks. On 8 there I kind of tugged my tee shot in the bunker and it plugged. I actually holed it from a plugged lie out of the bunker on No. 8. I had a couple good breaks today.

I actually hit some good iron shots that were close enough to make and roll in, and the putter cooperated pretty well today. So anytime you make, what did I make, an eagle and like eight birdies or something, whenever you're making a lot of birdies. I hit some really good shots, like hit a really good shot into 2, to land it on the green, keep it on the greens on the par 5s, so made for an easy birdie. Then I played most of the hard holes pretty well.

Q. Final question, top 21 last year here, just thoughts on the course, how it kind of sets up, suits your game.

SCOTT PIERCY: I think you've got to drive it pretty well because you get a lot of crosswinds. I don't want to say it's easier this year because it's playing longer, but with the softness, it takes out some of the trouble on some of the holes.

I holed it with an 8-iron on 14, I had an 8-iron into 13 that I hit about 15 feet. I had like five or six 8-irons today, which is kind of like the meat of my game.

The par 5s are a little bit longer this year so it's a little bit harder to reach them because the ball's not rolling out. I think I got two of the par 5s, so if I can keep hitting my irons pretty solid, I rolled it nice today, which was a big change from the last few weeks.