

ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES
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SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER (-5)

Q. Scottie, a little bit different start for you today, you missed the first four greens, but I thought the keys to the entire round (inaudible)?

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: Yeah, yeah, I missed the first couple greens. I made a nice birdie there on 13, I think. Yeah, I would say some key up-and-downs, I made a nice R putt there at the first to kind of get the round going and made some really nice up and downs after that.

Q. With such an emotional win at THE PLAYERS, I know you had a week off, was it easy to reengage and get into this immediately?

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: Yeah, yeah, I'm a pretty competitive guy. I took a lot of last week to get some rest and kind of come down from the last couple weeks. Got some good rest at home and I'm going to go get some more rest this afternoon.

Q. I don't see any kinetic tape. Is the neck feeling fine?

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: Yeah, neck's feeling better, body feels good. Like I said, the off week was good for me to get some rest, get some rehab. I took a couple more days off than I typically would last week, so it was some good recovery time.

Q. You're such a Texas guy, UT all the way through, what would it mean to win in your home state?

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: Yeah, it would be a lot of fun. I like supporting events in my home state, playing here as much as I can, so hoping to get a win this week.

Q. How do you like the overseed?

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: It's good. I was surprised at the lack of rough on the course. I know they're trying to do a little bit of kind of what the tournament used to be when it was the week before. The golf course is in amazing shape right now. The runoffs are fun to play out of. It's in good shape. I was just a bit surprised with the lack of rough. Other than that, the place is in great shape. You don't need rough to make this course pretty tough. I think it will be pretty difficult over the next couple days with the wind picking up.

Q. After what you said yesterday, what you hope to accomplish, how did that match up with what you did accomplish today?

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: I had a solid round. Kept the card clean, bogey free is always nice,



especially around a golf course like this. It's nice to be able to keep the card clean, like I said.

Q. You mentioned taking a couple days more off. How many rounds of golf did you play last week at home?

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: Typically I take Monday and Tuesday off when I get back, especially from a couple week stretch. Last week I didn't practice until Friday and I hit balls for maybe half an hour, chipped and putted. Just getting back into it, hitting some wedges, hitting some irons, didn't hit any drivers. I played golf Saturday and I had a decent practice session Sunday. Outside of that, nothing.

Q. When you think of a day like today, playing bogey free early the first three holes, I know you missed the green on the first three holes, was there an element of like getting frustrated at all with that or was it still too early to --

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: Not really. I pushed my drive a touch on the first and I think I literally found the only piece of rough on the golf course and it was like up against that wall over there. I know I'm not supposed to hit over there, but good getting a par there. I hit a good shot into the second, just came up a little short. I thinned one into the third. I wasn't really thinking too much about my swing, I just missed a couple greens. Around this place it's not easy to hit every green. The holes are really long, it's a difficult place to play golf.

Q. A day like today, does that change your expectations for the week?

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: No, no, I don't ever really put expectations on myself. I try to be committed to my shots, I try to stay patient out there. At the beginning of the week I'm not looking toward Sunday, I'm just focused on today.

Q. What day next week do you plan to be (inaudible)?

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: I'm supposed to go in I think on Sunday next week, whenever that is, Sunday of the week before.

Q. I asked Beau this question, he was in here earlier. Coach Fields on a podcast was talking about you guys almost coming to a fight back when you guys were playing a tournament in Lubbock. I'm interested in hearing your kind of side to that story.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: I'd love to hear Beau's side because we do like talking about it, but yeah, it's true. It was just one of those moments where we had been around each other I think for so long and you're in the heat of the moment, you're out there competing and something happens. Yeah, it's pretty funny to look back on though, we get a good kick out of it.

Q. I'm guessing when he kept going past that ball, you didn't even think to check



twice when you were looking at the one you ended up hitting?

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: Yeah, because at the time we both played Titleist balls and I had been playing the same number the whole day and he had a different number and switched unknown to me. Just one of those deals. When you're around each other that much, stuff like that, mistakes happen. Yeah, pretty funny.

Q. The Coody twins played together today, first time on Tour. I know you're pretty close with them. When you think of them, what's one way they're similar and one way they're different?

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: I've known those guys for years now and when I see them from a distance I still can't tell them apart, it's unbelievable how much they look alike, it really is. But they're both good dudes, they both like to have fun, they're both extremely competitive. Meredith and I had both them and one of their fiancée's and one of their girlfriend's over to our house for dinner a couple months ago and had a good old time. They're really solid dudes and just wishing for them to have a good successful career out here.

Q. How many tournaments in a row (inaudible)?

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: I have no idea, not a clue.

Q. The way you're playing right now, do you sort of feel like I'm probably going to win the tournament?

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: No. I start every tournament the same way, I try and stay patient, I try not to look too far ahead, I try to do my best. Simple as that, really just one shot at a time. I like to control things I can control and that's being committed to the shot and trying to execute. Like I said, on Thursday I'm definitely not thinking about Sunday.

Q. Do you plan on playing next week or just practice only?

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: I'll do my normal kind of practice and playing routine.

Q. Not any playing at Royal Oaks?

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: No, no, that's my normal practice and playing routine.

