

The 150th Open

Mixed Zone

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Adam Scott



Q. Amazing last 24 hours -- from 4-over to 7-under.

ADAM SCOTT: That's what I needed. Look, it was as good as the 65 was today, I think getting back to even was huge yesterday. After six holes things weren't feeling particularly good.

So I'm really pleased with that. I did a lot of good stuff out there today. So hopefully more of that on the weekend.

Q. You're right back in the tournament, mention to get back in the tournament. (Indiscernible) momentum and keep the foot down or...?

ADAM SCOTT: Like I said, rounds two and three I had to get into double digits under par to even have a chance. I'm probably going to be a fair way back at the end of today, I'd think. I'm on my way. I've got the next two rounds and probably going to have to try and stretch it up unless the wind blows getting up near 20. So it's kind of attack if you can do that around here.

Q. Fantastic round today. Do you think having Dustin in your group provided some good healthy competition at close range?

ADAM SCOTT: He's a guy I enjoy playing with and have always enjoyed playing with him. I like watching him play. Some guys you can feed off. And some guys you prefer not to watch.

And Dustin, I think, has a nice rhythm in the way he plays. I've always felt I benefit from that. And he obviously started getting it going around the turn and playing nicely coming in. And I was just trying to keep pace with him.

Q. So much relies on putting here. How were the greens today and how do you feel about your short game?

ADAM SCOTT: The greens were slowing up. I mean, it's quite incredible, just that little bit of rain and the sun hadn't even really come out. And they were looking so much greener. They're probably going to get a little slow for the guys this afternoon, which is a bit of an adjustment. My putting was great today. And it's been generally great this year.

So I want to keep that going over the weekend. The big thing is when you hole a couple of long ones like I did today, it's so good for the momentum out there because it's so hard to hit them close. And 40 feet can be good shots. And when a couple of those go in, it can really set you up for a good day like today.

Q. Which one of them made you feel like you were really getting something going, because you had a few early. More importantly around the turn, maybe?

ADAM SCOTT: Around 11. 11 is kind of a bonus at that point. It's a hole you're not thinking about making a birdie on. It was really one, especially with that pin today, you kind of want to make in three and get off to the next. And to see that one go in -- I think I birdied 9, 10, 11, the momentum is definitely going. Unfortunately, I didn't birdie 12.

But to have no errors coming in and pick up a couple more, it's kind of how you draw it up, if you could.

Q. What part of your game excited you the most?

ADAM SCOTT: I was pretty solid today. I think my striking was solid enough. Of course, I'd love to absolutely stripe it a bit more over the weekend. But really my putting was very, very good. So you've got to lean on that around here. And I've heard a lot of people say the guy who wins here is the leader of putting. So hopefully I'm up there and trending.

Q. (No microphone.)

ADAM SCOTT: I know 65 would be acceptable, at present.

Q. Did you think you were making it on 18?

ADAM SCOTT: Yeah, it was looking good from where I was standing.

Q. And what of all the Aussies on the leaderboard? Is there a reason for that?

ADAM SCOTT: We're good players, that's why.

Q. You've been quite candid this year (indiscernible) tournament got away from you previously. With that in



mind, you're back here posting a good score. Is it quite a sweet feeling and obviously I'm sure you'd love to go one step further?

ADAM SCOTT: You don't need much extra motivation at an Open Championship. But anytime I think about letting one slip through my hands, it hurts. And it would be exciting if I shot a really great round tomorrow to tee off with a legitimate feeling that I'm in contention, not only for the fact that I haven't really been in that position for a major for a little while, but also for the fact that I've had one on this jug, I feel like, and I'd like to put two on.

Q. (Indiscernible) course experience over the next 36 holes?

ADAM SCOTT: I think it plays a factor around here. It really depends if it gets windy. If it gets windy, then I think it plays a big factor. But I think at these events, just experience in general can play a big factor at the Open Championship, when it comes down to it. Being able to know how to hit a shot or control a shot when you have to. Hopefully I get put in that situation.

Q. I heard that you and your trainer worked on being a good mover. What does that mean, and how are you moving this weekend?

ADAM SCOTT: I don't know how that means. I mean, I guess to function as a golfer, we work on things to allow me to move as good as I can. I think I'm doing all right for an over 40. And I'm feeling good.

I've had a good year as far as how my body has felt and good preparation this week. So I feel like I'm in good shape. There's nothing holding me back at all.

Q. What's the plan of the rest of today? Do you get away from golf? Do you study the afternoon groups? What do you do?

ADAM SCOTT: I won't study. No, I'll probably watch a little bit through lunch, but I can't sit there all day and watch the golf. You've got to give yourself a little bit of a mental rest. And after a good morning's work, I've earned that and try and just be ready for tomorrow. I do a little bit of activity in the gym and that will kill some time.

It's nice to have a bit of a break because I'm going to have a fairly, some kind of afternoon, 1:00, 2:00, potential tee time tomorrow.

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