

Senior PGA Championship

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Quick Quotes



Q. You had a pretty steady wind but it's been a couple days. How do you keep your head about yourself out there?

JEFFREY SCHMID: You don't. That's why I'm not a pro golfer and I teach golf. It's really a mental battle of sustaining focus, I guess.

I played quite well today. Made a bad choice on the 14th hole, club choice, and I hit it long on the back part of the green and then just struggled after that.

Q. Just about everybody is saying that the most difficult thing out there is just being committed to your shot because you've seen so many bad things, you're trying to get it out of your mind.

JEFFREY SCHMID: Yeah, especially I missed a couple fairways, and if you miss fairways, even by a foot, it's really very difficult to make a par, to get it up by the green. I don't want to say -- the margin for error is so slim out here. On No. 9 I really didn't hit a bad shot and I had to make like a nine-foot bogey putt. I hit five pretty good shots. Then I three-putted the last two holes, which is a killer. I tried to stay focused. It's hard. It's a tough course.

Q. On top of that, Billy Andrade told me he three-putted today, five three-putts.

JEFFREY SCHMID: Yeah, my average length of putts were probably about 50 feet on a lot of the holes. The greens are very difficult.

Q. Do you still have a lot of positives?

JEFFREY SCHMID: Yeah, I want to think that I do. I made a birdie on -- should have, could have, but I missed a short birdie putt on 11, and then I birdied 13, so I was 1-over, and I thought I was right in there. I thought even par would be a good score. You're disappointed, and tonight I'll probably feel better. Maybe I'll have a good round tomorrow, I hope.

It's golf, right? No matter how old I get, I never get used to shooting bad scores. But that's the way it should be.

Q. You're the low PGA pro in the clubhouse at the moment. What would that mean to you to --

JEFFREY SCHMID: Well, I think that's a cool thing. It really is for me. I never want anyone to play bad, so I wish I was playing better and was low pro, but it goes to show how good these guys are. I teach this stuff, and you try to emphasize it to your students, but when you get out in the heat of the moment, it's just very difficult. It's really hard. I just don't play under these conditions very often. I get they do. Retief Goosen, nothing fazes that guy. It's crazy. It's always interesting because I teach a lot of juniors and you try to put yourself in as hard a situations as you can, and you come out on a course like this, it's hard to duplicate that when you're in practice. But it's fun. It's good. I would love to do it 30 times a year and see how I can do. But anyway, yeah, that's the main thing.

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