## **Charles Schwab Challenge**

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## **Scottie Scheffler**

**Press Conference** 

Q. Scottie, you told me on Wednesday that this was a different preparation week for you, you know, a little different schedule coming off your victory. Did that play into today's play whatsoever because I thought your patience was still pretty good.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: Yeah. I mean, it was a challenging day. I didn't hit the ball in the fairway a lot. Around this golf course you have to be in the fairway. I did a good job of posting a score, and hopefully I get out tomorrow in some softer conditions and take advantage of that.

Q. You mention the driver off the tee. You hit five fairways, and a couple of those were drivers off the tee too. So it was the driver that it looked like you were fighting a little bit?

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: Yeah, the fairways are narrow, especially when they get really firm out here, so you're not going to be hitting as many fairways out here as you would a normal course. I was a little bit off on some of them, but overall I feel very good how I'm swinging it, and I'm sure I'll hit more tomorrow.

Q. How has the week been? I saw you at the hockey game last night. The city is really embracing you. Do you have any more sporting events or anything you're going to attend now?

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: Probably not. Work starts now. So, yeah, it was fun going to the hockey game last night. I was able to still get home and get a decent amount of rest. Waking up the time I'm going to be waking up tomorrow, I'm going to need a little bit of extra rest. So, no, just get home and get ready for tomorrow.

Q. You putted well. You had more than 85 feet in putts.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: Yeah, that's good. The greens were really good, and they're really firm. The golf course is in great shape. So hopefully the rain holds off, and it will



continue to firm up, and it should be a challenging week.

Q. What was going on with the ball on the fairway on 15?

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: There was a bug on it.

Q. Just real quick, if the deficit doesn't change, it's the same as it was after one round last week, I mean, how is your mentality related to that? Do you feel like you're in pretty good shape to at least be around?

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: Yeah, on a day where I didn't hit a lot of fairways on a golf course where you have to hit a lot of fairways, I posted a decent score. Anything under par around here in these conditions isn't a bad score.

Obviously I wish it was a little bit lower, but overall I feel decent about the position I'm in, and everything feels pretty good. So I'll get out there tomorrow morning and see what I can do.

Q. First round, 68. Off to a really good start. You live here. You know better than any of us about these conditions and how difficult it can be. Does that actually help you maybe stay a patient?

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: Yeah, I tried to do my best to stay patient today. It was a grind of a day. The winds were pretty gusty, and it was challenging. The greens got firm.

It doesn't look like we're going to get much rain this week, so they should continue to firm up, and the golf course should be real nice by the weekend.

Q. I know you took Monday and Tuesday off. Got a little bit of rest. What is your energy like right now?

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: Energy levels are good. Brain levels might be a little low, according to that. No, I feel like I get my legs back under my today. Did some things well. Did some things I've got to improve on. I'll go home and get some rest and get ready for tomorrow.

Q. (Indiscernible). What do you need to do to break through?



SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: Finish a couple of shots lower it sounds like. No, I really like the golf course here. It's fun being back in my home state playing. I didn't have my best stuff today, but still posted something under par. I'll get myself in it, and hopefully I can go out in the morning with a little softer greens (indiscernible).

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