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## Scottie Scheffler

### Quick Quotes

**Q. Scottie what was of the work yesterday, and how has it applied today to get back in this golf tournament?**

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: Yeah, I've also been a proponent of saying you can't really find it during the tournament week, but I found a little something in my grip yesterday that seemed to really help me get my hands more securely on the club.

Yeah, struck it much better today. Yeah, felt a bit lost out there at times yesterday, so today felt a lot better. Felt more in control of my game. You can obviously see that through the cleaner card today.

**Q. You're so good at staying in the moment, obviously shot for shot. You knew what needed to get done today. How do you process what needs to get done, and then how do you get into the flow of that round of golf knowing you need to put a round on the board like you did today?**

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: Yeah, it's just a matter of going out and playing solid golf. This is a golf course where you can't really force it. Look at the start of the round for me. Front right pin on 1; it's down off the right; very tough pin.

Next hole, No. 2 it's almost a pin you can't get at and it's these little things. If you start chasing out here, you're going to get behind it real quick.

Maybe that is why I made so many mistakes yesterday. Today did a really good job staying patient even when things weren't going my way. Holed two really nice putts on 9 and 10 to get some momentum and then played solid down the stretch.

**Q. Patience gets tested at this golf tournament.**

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: Yeah.

**Q. Saw you having some smiles and conversations out there with Chris. What you have you learned from**



**being here in past years and staying patient? All of our heart rates go up out there with thousands of people screaming at us.**

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: Yeah, it's a golf course where when you're in play, hitting a lot of fairways, you can get some momentum going and you can make a lot of birdies in a row, especially on the back nine.

Once you start getting got it can feel just as challenging, especially this year with the rough being higher and the greens starting to firm up. I think it's shaping up to be a really good weekend, and I'm glad to be having a tee time. I did a good job getting myself back into the tournament today.

**Q. You mentioned finding something with your grip. Can you just explain what that was what when you noticed first?**

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: It's kind of hard to explain. Just getting my hands a little bit more securely on the club is how I would describe it. Yesterday was a dig-it-out-of-the-dirt type of day in the afternoon. I try to avoid those as much as possible at tournaments, but after the way I felt over the ball yesterday, it was definitely needed.

I almost was so discouraged I almost didn't even want to go practice. I went out there, and it was well worth it. I felt like I had hit a ton of balls to start the week, more than I normally would; didn't really pay off.

It was nice to get into a groove today. I didn't hit it that good on the front nine. Making the turn I struck it really well. Stuck it really well on the back nine.

**Q. When is the last time you felt that way, like lost enough to want to go practice?**

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: I don't know. I don't really have an answer.

**Q. How are you feeling with the state of the new driver right now? Are you comfortable where you guys are?**



SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: Yeah, I think we're making progress. I can be a difficult person to get a club in the bag. I'm a little bit adverse to change as it is, and I have got a driver in my bag that's won quite a lot of golf tournaments; had a lot of success with it.

It's just one of those things that is tough. I'm not going to put anything in the bag unless I feel it's better. We are getting really close. There are some improvements I've for sure seen in the new driver. It just hasn't gotten quite where it needs to be in order for me to put it in competition.

**Q. You've accomplished a lot in the last four years. Curious where the made-cut streak stands in your mind, the ability even if you're not playing your best to still grind out a score.**

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: Yeah, the made-cut streak thing is a bit skewed these days. I think when you look at the Signature Event model, we have some cuts, but they're not really cuts in the traditional sense of how the TOUR was for a really long time.

You look at days like today. I had an awful day on the golf course yesterday all around pretty much. So to come out to today, stay really patient, especially after not getting off to a great start, to stay patient, grind it out, put myself back into a position where -- you know, I've put myself in contention from this exact position in this golf tournament, and it's one of those places you can get hot. That's what I'll be looking to do over the weekend.

Definitely take a lot of pride in days like today. It's nice to get myself back in the tournament. Sometimes doesn't feel like there is anything worse than missing cuts.

**Q. Was anything bothering around the greens yesterday?**

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: No.

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