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Village of Pinehurst, North Carolina, USA

Pinehurst Resort & C.C. (Course No. 2)

Scottie Scheffler

Quick Quotes



Q. How much of a grind was it out there today?

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: Yeah, it was for sure. Around this place you have to hit such good shots. The golf course is challenging. I think personally it's fun to play, but yeah, it was definitely a grind.

Q. The fifth hole took a little bit out of everybody in the group. What was going on there?

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: I think that's part of the mystery of the kind of sandy areas. You get down there and it's kind of luck of the draw whether or not you have a shot. Preferably I would have loved to have hit like a little runner out of there, but I had a bush in my way to where I couldn't play the runner that I would have hoped to. Really all you're trying to do from there is get it up on to the green somewhere, and I felt like I took the best route I could think of at first, and just because it's so unpredictable.

So yeah, just pretty challenging spot for your ball to end up in.

Q. You've been playing so well, so consistently. Is it kind of a readjustment out there to remember how to play when it's not going your way?

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: Not really. I think this week -- yesterday I felt like I played really well and got a lot out of my game, which I feel like I've done a good job of this year. Today was kind of the opposite. I felt like especially the back nine today I actually hit it really well. I just couldn't get a putt to fall early. Then I had that unfortunate deal on No. 5 which probably on any other golf course if I hit those two shots, driver, 3-wood into a green on a par-5 and probably have a pretty good look at birdie, I'm not going to have walking off with a 7. But just unfortunate place for me to put myself.

Q. What positives do you have to take out of today if 5-over gets you into the weekend?

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: I don't think 5-over is going to get me into the weekend. But I'm proud of how I fought today.

I gave myself a good chance. Really yesterday I felt like I did a great job. Today I just couldn't get the putts to fall. This golf course can be unpredictable at times, and maybe it got the better of me the last couple days. I'll sit down and think about where we're going the last few days and figure it out.

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