

**ROUND 1 INTERVIEW**  
**April 19, 2018**

**DAVIS LOVE III**  
**SCOTT VERPLANK (-6)**



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**Q. So for starters, guys, how do you think that first round went?**

**SCOTT VERPLANK:** Well, I would say concerning conditions, it went fine. We didn't play our best but we didn't play horrible and we survived the conditions and we kind of brother-in-lawed it pretty good, so we're okay.

**Q. How bad was it out there?**

**DAVIS LOVE III:** It was not very nice starting out. We did, we kind of brother-in-lawed or ham-and-egged it or partnered it. Neither one of us were playing great, but we had one guy in every hole and that's kind of what you have to do. We're going to have to go to the par 3 courses and get two birdie putts on a hole is what you really want to do and we didn't do that enough today.

**Q. I think we caught you guys on 11 before you guys got like three out of four birdies there -- 11, 12, 13, 14 -- and we saw you chip in from the fringe there. What was going through your mind and what was your approach there?**

**DAVIS LOVE III:** Well, Scott said, are you going to chip in, and I said yes, and he said, well, go ahead. He called it before I even -- but he gave me a good positive thought and I was close to the hole, I wasn't that far away. But we had to do some of that. I made one long putt and one chip-in, and he made some great saves that kept us going. We were both out of the hole a lot so we've got to both get in the hole a little bit more. But we had a few good ones today and it's a positive start.

**Q. You mentioned obviously having to change your approach completely now going to the par 3. How do you guys go into the rest of the week?**

**SCOTT VERPLANK:** Well, I think hopefully we'll both just start hitting the ball at the hole. It's all par 3s the rest of the way, so hit some good iron shots and roll in some putts and see where it takes us.

**Q. For you guys, what's this tournament like just having the different courses each day and just a new course it seems like every year?**

**DAVIS LOVE III:** Yeah, it's fun. You never know what Johnny's going to throw out to you the next year. We stay with our buddy Steve Stricker so it's a fun week for us. It's an interesting tournament. It's different than what we're used to and I think mentally it's hard for

me to wrap my head around it. I can't hit any more drivers, I'm done with my woods for the week, so it's very strange. But like Scott said, we've just got to start hitting it at the flag and play a little bit more aggressive and have some fun.

**Q. Kind of the same to you? How fun is this?**

**SCOTT VERPLANK:** Oh, it's great. Davis and I have been friends since we were maybe 14 years old and have played a lot of golf together and have been teammates at different times. Like he said, with Steve Stricker, he's a close friend of ours, too, so we have a good time here. It's always fun to have a partner. I messed up and I just leaned on him and he was there, and occasionally every now and then he messed up and I was able to pull us through. That's what makes the team stuff fun.