

**ROUND 1 INTERVIEW**  
**August 24, 2018**



**SCOTT PAREL (-7)**

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**SCOTT PAREL:** It was a lot of fun until the last three shots. Yeah, no, it was a good day, played well.

**Q. If someone told you you were going to shoot 65 at the start of the day, you would probably take that pretty quickly, right?**

**SCOTT PAREL:** Probably, yeah. But when you hit a tee shot like that on 18 and you make a bogey, that's not -- dinner's not going to taste too good tonight.

**Q. How's it feel to be the leader here?**

**SCOTT PAREL:** It's the first day, so being the leader today doesn't really mean anything. The leader after Sunday is what counts. I know guys are going to shoot low scores. I would be -- if 7 under is even leading, I might be a little surprised.

**Q. I know most of these guys are playing for 30 years. You didn't. What's it like for you playing with these guys?**

**SCOTT PAREL:** It's a dream come true really. Every day I have to pinch myself and realize I'm getting to play with these guys. I love to play golf. To be able to play alongside these guys, they've been nothing but super nice to me. Yeah, it's a dream.

**Q. You didn't play in college. When did you start thinking, hey, 50, I want to do this?**

**SCOTT PAREL:** Oh, when I was 50? No. I've been playing professional golf for over 20 years. When I got in my mid 40s I had this tour in mind.

**Q. Fred Couples was telling me that -- that's what he said, you're a guy to really watch for, you're ready to win. Do you kind of feel that way, you're ready to win?**

**SCOTT PAREL:** Yeah, I do. I've been playing good golf. At some point if I keep playing like I am, hopefully, things will fall my way. You've got to have a lot of -- you have to play good golf, but you have to get some breaks here and there, too, to win any golf tournament, especially out here. Guys are going to shoot low scores.

**Q. That tee shot on 18, you were in the bunker in two?**

**SCOTT PAREL:** That's what I'm saying. I hit a fantastic tee shot, and to make a bogey, it feels even worse than that.

**Q. Were you on the lip of the bunker?**

**SCOTT PAREL:** No, no, it was actually fine. Just some of the sand is thicker in places than other places and I just didn't hit -- hit a poor shot.

**Q. 7 under par.**

**SCOTT PAREL:** Yep, that's right.