

FINAL ROUND INTERVIEW
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SCOTT PAREL (-18)

JACKIE SERVAIS: Welcome 2018 Boeing Classic champion, Scott Parel. How do you feel?

SCOTT PAREL: Fantastic.

JACKIE SERVAIS: Did you see this coming prior to today?

SCOTT PAREL: I think so. I hoped it. I don't know if I necessarily knew it was going to happen, but I felt like I was playing well enough for it to happen. I just put it all together today.

JACKIE SERVAIS: What's been the key in your game this year that's kind of elevated you as opposed to past years?

SCOTT PAREL: I think my putting. I've always driven the ball pretty well and hit it pretty well, but you've got to make putts on this tour to win. My putting has been more and more consistent, even starting last year. So I think I putted really well today and all weekend really.

Q. You said after the first round it didn't mean anything, but now that it's Sunday, what's this mean to you to get your first win on this tour?

SCOTT PAREL: I mean, I've been dreaming about it since I got out here. I don't know. It means I get to take my wife to Hawaii, I know that she's been wanting to do that. So yeah, I'm not sure. It hasn't sunk in yet. You know, it's like I said, it's a blessing just to be able to play out here and now, you know, know that I'll be, you know, able to play next year. That's always been my goal in the position that I'm in is to play well enough to where I'm going to have status every year.

Q. People used to ask who your sponsor was and you would say your wife. She was obviously a pretty big factor?

SCOTT PAREL: She was a very big factor, yeah. When I turned pro when I was 31, we had two kids and she wasn't working and I was quitting a pretty steady job to do it. So she was the one that pushed me, said you've got to chase your dream or you'll get to be 60 and you'll regret it and you'll think what if I had done this or that. So she knows me pretty well. We've been together a long time.

Q. What job did she take in?

SCOTT PAREL: She's an R.N., so she went back to nursing.

Q. What's your wife's name?

SCOTT PAREL: Mary.

JACKIE SERVAIS: Is she here today?

SCOTT PAREL: No. I haven't even talked to her. She's probably dying.

Q. But she has a TV?

SCOTT PAREL: Yeah, she has a TV, yeah.

Q. You said you needed things to fall in place to get your first win. You kind of got it a little bit when the leaders just didn't do much, but you still had to seize upon it and you did, nobody else did?

SCOTT PAREL: Yeah. Honestly, I didn't really look until I think when I made birdie on 8. Then I got a little interested because I knew I was 6 under and I was about to where they were or maybe 1 ahead of where they were when they started. I didn't really have any idea what they were doing behind us. But when I birdied 9 and then I got -- I kind of had an idea, I saw the scoreboard on 9 and knew that I was right there.

I still felt like I was going to have to make more birdies because, you know, Kevin shot 29 on the back yesterday. You know, I'm not sure what -- it's just one of those days for them like I had yesterday. Some days you just don't -- you're in between numbers, you don't make putts, whatever the case may be. So today for me, I hit a lot of good shots, I had a lot of good -- numbers always seemed to be pretty good for what I needed and I hit the ball in some good spots on the greens.

Q. So the 17th, you take 50 putts from that spot, how many do you make?

SCOTT PAREL: Maybe one. I don't know. I mean, I wasn't expecting to make it. I was fortunate that Scott Dunlap had puttied before me. We were on a different line, but I got a better -- a good idea on the speed. I've puttied that putt in the practice rounds before and I've always thought, I mean, it's just super, super fast. When I saw his ball slow down a little bit, I knew the moisture on the greens probably made that putt a little easier than it would normally be. I surely didn't expect to make it, I was just trying to get it down there where I could two-putt.

Q. From 45 feet?

SCOTT PAREL: Yeah, I would say probably that, somewhere in there.

JACKIE SERVAIS: So you set your new career low for your 18 and also your 54. Did you think you would have to go to that extent to win?

SCOTT PAREL: I did today, yeah, I did. I thought with them being at 14, I really did kind of have shooting 9 under in mind because I thought 18 under would have an outside chance. I wasn't sure, you know, 20 under maybe the way everybody had been playing up to that point.

And the weather held for us pretty well. We had a little bit of drizzle, but nothing major. I think that even the greens seemed a little softer, a little maybe more receptive than they would usually be on a Sunday, so I really thought it was going to take pretty low, yeah.

Q. What was your attitude after yesterday's round? I mean, you had a share of the lead, but then you were 5 back. Did you stay in a good frame of mind coming into today?

SCOTT PAREL: I was not happy when I made bogey. Well, that was on Friday. Yesterday I thought I held it together pretty well. I mean, I didn't -- I felt like I left a lot out there, but I would have liked to have been maybe 3 behind. 5's not ideal. 3's probably -- on a course you know you can make birdies, maybe it's a little bit easier. But I was positive. To shoot under par and didn't feel like I really had my best stuff yesterday, at least I was still moving in the right direction.

Q. 29 on the front and obviously the run of six birdies there. What kind of enabled you to just get where you're rolling them in that quickly?

SCOTT PAREL: It's one of those things where you don't really even think about it. I didn't even really think about that I had six in row until I walked off 9 green. I'm like, I think I just made a bunch of birdies in a row. You know, there were a couple keys. Probably for me to birdie 1, where I hit two really good shots and I put myself in a really tough spot on the back of the green and a really tough two-putt, and to make that putt, because I missed one even shorter than that yesterday, kind of said okay, maybe I'm -- you know, the putter feels good today, maybe I'll get it going. I hit a good shot on 4 from kind of a tough spot where I made birdie where you're probably not thinking you're going to make birdie there. And then after that I just -- you know, I was just kind of in a rhythm.

Q. It's the course record for the front nine.

SCOTT PAREL: Is it?

Q. Yep.

SCOTT PAREL: That's something to be happy about.