

SCOTT DUNLAP (-5)

SCOTT DUNLAP: Finally got enough arthritis bone-on-bone action in there. The guy who's going to cut on me in November is out here today, I met with him earlier this week. Got some cysts growing on arthritic parts and something floating around in there also near the thumb he says doesn't belong. So hopefully get it all cleaned up in due time. Hopefully got a tape job that will -- this is the best it's felt, I think I finally taped it the right way. Or maybe it's the pain meds kicking in, I don't know, one of the two.

Q. I didn't notice it, did you have it taped last week?

SCOTT DUNLAP: Yeah. You know, either I'm on some prescription stuff that, like I said, I don't know. And I got a cortisone shot, that didn't kill it. I mean, at least it's down to 3 out of 10, which is like nothing out of 10 compared to what it was. It was like 10 out of 10, horrible.

Q. When did it start flaring up?

SCOTT DUNLAP: It's been about six weeks. You know, three Advil used to put it to bed, kind of a sprain. Sioux Falls was kind of the first week, like damn, it's still sore all day. I remember the last time it didn't hurt was I hit balls the Tuesday of Pebble, flew out that afternoon. It hurt every day at Pebble and it's hurt every day since.

I've got x-rays this week. Carpal joint, the one right beside it. See where there's no gap there? There's supposed to be a gap and that would have been cartilage. There's no cartilage there. Okay, that makes sense, that's why it hurts like crazy.

Q. So it's taped up right now. I forget, what's the next plan?

SCOTT DUNLAP: He'll scope it, yeah. I met with him so that I can get it done in a timely fashion, do it on the Thursday, whatever that is, the 15th or 16th of November. Two months to heal, now we're mid January, ready to go mid February. If I waited and tried to do it in Sarasota or Atlanta, depends when they can do it. Do it in January and then you miss. So hopefully get it done -- going to get it done in a timely fashion.

Q. It's funny, you've posted two top-10s despite you're fighting this wrist injury?

SCOTT DUNLAP: At least maybe the only concern being excruciating pain is the key to playing good golf because I'm not getting nervous on a shot, you're just trying to get through it. No, I've had great finishes. The x-rays proved what I was kind of knowing intuitively because the worst parts are gripping it and getting the club started. Getting the club started when the wrist goes like that, that's when that bone hits that bone and that's what's

excruciating. But I've known that like as long as I get past that, nothing else is going to be any worse. As much as that hurts, it ain't going to hurt to hit it, it ain't going to hurt to finish. That's the worst part. So I've kind of known that in my head, like if I can just get the thing away.

Q. Is there pain on every single takeaway?

SCOTT DUNLAP: Oh, I've had to back off after gripping. Gripping it hurts and then getting the club started hurts even worse. Sometimes gripping it hurts so bad I had to just back up and start again. This is last week.

Today, like I said, because I think I've taped it where my wrist isn't moving this way, you know. That's the problem when it goes from there to there in the takeaway, there's not much mobility there. I think that might have been maybe what's getting me through. It will be great because then I'll look forward to the last three weeks and not have pain that I don't want to deal with because today was like the best in a long time. It actually made me realize that I've probably been tolerating a pain level for a long time now even though it's gotten chronic, it's hurt for a long time. You play away from it a little bit.

Q. Have you learned different parts of your game through this process?

SCOTT DUNLAP: It's not learning different parts of your game, it's just finding a way. My swing's felt all right handed and I was even playing the chunk wedge shot, almost dialed that in because I'm not -- my left arm is just kind of all weak, everything's been so right sided, almost like I've kind of gotten that dialed in which is just getting through, but you don't want to have to do that for long at all.

Q. Talking about the golf course, how did the course play today? It seemed like the winds picked up a little bit. Do you think it's getting tougher as the day goes on?

SCOTT DUNLAP: It's just been swirly as all get-out. It probably isn't swirly, but I don't know, you get down in the trees, it's blowing hard, though. I'm sure it's blowing out of that direction, whatever that is. But man, it still was tricky, like you're not sure if it was doing that. It's such a good, straightforward golf course with nasty rough, rough we don't usually play. So if you drive it on the fairway, you've got a good chance. If you don't, you may not.

Q. Seems like it's a very good test right out of the gate for our Playoffs?

SCOTT DUNLAP: It's awesome. Great venue, just awesome. So happy they signed a long-term deal and hopefully I'm around for most of it.