

**ROUND 1 INTERVIEW****March 9, 2018****SCOTT PAREL (-4)**

Q. So what's it like having full status out here, you're not going to Q-School and you're not Monday qualifying?

SCOTT PAREL: It's terrific. I'll tell ya, it's great. I couldn't ask for much more really.

Q. Do you have a different feeling this year because of it?

SCOTT PAREL: Yeah. I mean, you know, I feel -- I got comfortable toward the end of the year last year and I feel about the same way now this year. I haven't played the greatest, but starting to get a little better here. That always makes you feel better when you play better.

Q. How about today, talk about your round.

SCOTT PAREL: Yeah, it's a little slow start with a double bogey on a pretty easy hole. All week long I've been making a lot of birdies out here, so I figured hopefully I was going to maybe make some, try to get under par was my goal. Then when I did that, I got on a pretty good roll there in the middle.

Q. On 5, with the way the wind was blowing, it seemed like it almost came up when you guys came to 5 and 6. It had to be a two-club wind. Did you think of 5 as a birdie hole?

SCOTT PAREL: No, no, I did not, no. Once you get it in the fairway there, the pin is to the back so if you could get something chasing up there, maybe you could get it close. But when I'm back there, I think I was 182 and hitting a 5-iron, which is usually a 200-yard club, trying to just hit it low, then you're just wanting to get it on the green. I was fortunate to make one from off the green there.

Q. Four birdies on the first five holes on the front nine, your back nine.

SCOTT PAREL: Yeah.

Q. You really had a good one?

SCOTT PAREL: Yeah, the first three were straight downwind so I drove it pin high on 1 and almost holed it for a 2. Then hit 8-iron into the par 5 because it's so much downwind on No. 3. Yeah, so I knew if you're going to make them, you probably need to make them then before you turn back into the wind.

Q. How do you feel about just getting a good round in before the weather comes in maybe?

SCOTT PAREL: Yeah, I struggled here lately, it seems, to get off to a decent start. So to get -- I was just trying to get something in the 60s or somewhere where I could be in touch with the guys because I've been shooting over par, then I doubled the first hole. So yeah, I was just trying to get off to a decent start and be within touch, then we'll see what the weather does. It's the same for everybody, so I would rather it be nice, but it is what it is.

Q. What happened on 1?

SCOTT PAREL: On 10? I pulled my tee shot left, which was fine, I got relief. I was so far left that I don't know that my caddie got a good number, but it was so far left, it's not his fault. He told me what we thought we had and I hit the shot and I ended up like almost 20 yards short of the green, which for that front pin was no good. So I tried to bump one in there and it ran like 20 feet by and three-putted for a 6.

Q. Did you get that out of your mind pretty quickly, are you good at that?

SCOTT PAREL: Well, I mean, you play out here enough, you're going to make mistakes. I made mine on the first hole instead of the last hole. A lot of times I'll try to look at a double bogey as, well, you got it out of the way and you've got 17 more holes to get it back. So I've had some good rounds making double bogeys on the first hole before, so it's not the first time it's happened.