ROUND 1 INTERVIEW October 26, 2018

SCOTT PAREL -5



Q. Great round. You put yourself in a really good position. Talk about 18 real quick.

SCOTT PAREL: That was a long time to stand in the fairway. Neither one of us hit very good shots there. We pretty much hit it solid all day, but that's a long time to stand there and wait. I was happy to make par. Four is a good score on that hole

Q. And 67 is right there.

SCOTT PAREL: Yeah. That's golf. Could do better, could do worse. Two bogies were both three-putts, so I hit the ball solid today.

Q. Any other close birdies that didn't come through?

SCOTT PAREL: I'm trying to think. I may have had one or two that I thought that I maybe could make, but for the most part I didn't do a whole lot wrong today. Played pretty solid.

Q. How aware were you and are you of the standings and moving up and down and what you need to do?

SCOTT PAREL: My goal this week is to try to stay ahead of Mr. Langer. That's the only way I'm going to make up any ground on him.. I'm not looking at where anything is going to put me, but I do need to beat him I think this week to have any kind of a chance, and even then if he finishes top five like he usually does, it's going to be very difficult.

Q. How is the golf course playing today? Similar to what it's been first couple of practice rounds?

SCOTT PAREL: Yeah, I think it played similar to the practice rounds and Pro-Am. Yeah, it's similar, in great shape. The greens are perfect. If you're not making putts, it's your own fault.

Q. You said yesterday top five would be good. Maybe looking higher?

SCOTT PAREL: I would like to get in there, for sure, but it's -- still a lot of golf left. Just keep playing like I played today and see where that takes me.

Q. There were some big numbers out there, so things can happen, McCarron had a seven on the par 3 over the water.

SCOTT PAREL: Is that right?

Q. He was 500 at that point --

SCOTT PAREL: This course definitely has some trouble but it also has places if you hit good shots you can make birdie. Luckily I hit the ball in the middle of the face pretty much all day today. If you do that and you're not completely misjudging yardages, I think you're going to have a lot of birdie opportunities.

I gave myself a lot of birdie putts. I think I missed one green today, No. 4 is the only green that I missed, and 18; 4 and 18.

Q. That's pretty good.

SCOTT PAREL: If you're going to hit 16 greens out here, I think you're going to do okay.

Q. Thank you.