FINAL ROUND INTERVIEW April 14, 2018



SCOTT PAREL (-11, lost 2nd playoff hole)

Q. Scott, great start for you in the third round, I think six out of the seven holes for birdie. What was going right for you?

SCOTT PAREL: I hit some good shots but I made some putts. I made a couple ones you maybe wouldn't expect to make. But I didn't make anything in the morning, so I felt like I putted pretty well in the morning and nothing went in. So a lot of them went in in the afternoon.

Q. I guess after yesterday, I think 68 in the first round, it must have felt like you were within striking distance. What's your thought after the second round there?

SCOTT PAREL: Well, I mean I knew when I guess I was 5 back going into the last round, I mean obviously I wanted to try to get to double digits and see what happens. This course, when the wind blows it's not the easiest course in the world. I shot 64, you can't complain about that. I was probably fortunate to be in a playoff. I was surprised that Bernhard didn't make birdie on 18.

Q. A really long day, I guess 38 total holes for you. How did you feel about, one, just the pace of play, how were you trying to take it, and then two, when the playoffs were finally starting I guess did you just take a deep breath?

SCOTT PAREL: Yeah, actually I felt good. I feel fine right now. I played 27 holes at Peachtree on Wednesday, so I don't feel physically tired. Mentally I'm a little bit spent right now, but physically I felt fine. The weather, we got lucky. The weather was not real warm, it was cool, we had a nice breeze. It wasn't like you were sweating a lot out there.

Q. How good is it for you to make those two clutch birdies, the first one in regulation and the second one in the playoff? That's got to leave you with a good feeling?

SCOTT PAREL: Yeah, oh, yeah, it did. I was happy. The last playoff I was in was at Diamond Resorts and I hit a terrible shot and got lucky because Scott hit it in the water. So when I was up on top of the hill there I wanted to make sure I hit a good shot. I did and made a good putt.

Q. What happened on the second shot?

SCOTT PAREL: Second one I just was in between clubs a little bit. I had like 209, which is probably about as bad a yardage that I can have, so I had to kind of choke up on a hybrid a little bit and not try to hit it -- couldn't hit it too hard. If I hit it right, a normal shot's going to be

in the bunker, which is no bargain. So I just didn't hit it as crisply as I needed to.

Q. I pulled you away from a lot of friends and family. How good does it feel to be able to play in your home state and play well in front of so many of those folks?

SCOTT PAREL: Yeah, I couldn't ask for -- I'll never have a tournament where I'll have any more people than this following me and supporting me. Yeah, it was great to shoot 64 today and have a chance in a playoff. Obviously I would have liked to win, but Steve played great, too, and hit some great shots in the playoff. He deserved it. I feel like I'm close, so that's what we'll just keep trying to make birdies out here and see what happens.

Q. On the first playoff hole was there any thought about you laying up or were you definitely going for it?

SCOTT PAREL: Like I said, I was in between. On the second one I felt like I had a really good number for a 5-wood there and I had a really good lie. I didn't really ever think about laying up. Steve was down there, I knew he was going to probably hit it on the green. So hopefully maybe try to hit one that hits just right and have a chance for eagle and just didn't work out.