

# The Senior Open presented by Rolex

Quick Quotes

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## Scott Dunlap

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**Q. You haven't played much due to injury. Third tournament of the year, 67, 68; what does that do with your expectations?**

SCOTT DUNLAP: Still trying to minimise them the best I can. Obviously the better you play, the more expectations you're likely to get. But I'm just having fun. You know me; I love it over here, the golf's great, and just looking forward to see what the weekend brings.

**Q. You're a renowned good ball-striker, straight hitter, and this golf course really fits in there. Did you have this marked on your schedule; that this is one you wanted to peak for?**

SCOTT DUNLAP: Yeah, and I never played any of the regular Opens here, but played the golf course and loved it probably a half a dozen times. So really wanted to be here and see what it was like in tournament competition, and so far, so good.

**Q. Kind of a tough start, 2-over through your first few holes, but how were you able to flip the script and put up that impressive number in the second round?**

SCOTT DUNLAP: Wasn't quite as tidy overall as yesterday, but luckily after the double -- should have been but no reason to make more than five but I just messed around. I birdied the next two holes and that kind of quieted things. Other than the bogey at the par 5, which is almost kind of a sin, but there were a few more short putts and a couple of birdies to right the ship.

**Q. Late last year, you had a left scope on your wrist, but many people think that's what's kept you off the course this year, but it's something you and I were talking about that you developed a very rare disorder, Parsonage-Turner Syndrome. Give us the symptoms, and exactly what is that?**

SCOTT DUNLAP: Yeah, two days after I got the stitches out and got the okay to start hitting balls from the wrist surgery, which was successful, chest, shoulder, arm pain, real annoying and then really within a day, just the muscle in my forearm had completely atrophied.



**Q. So paralysis, generally?**

SCOTT DUNLAP: It's what they used to call "dead arm" before they figured out what this was, and the surgery was the triggering event, but it's so rare. Most of the doctors I talk to don't even know what it is; that's how rare it is.

Unfortunate, but you know, seven months, I'm okay. I've been pretty charmed in my career. I haven't been on the shelf or anything for any long period of time. All said, you know, I can't complain.

**Q. Well played today, and by the way, 1 in 100,000 develop that Parsonage-Turner Syndrome. Six birdies today. Your assessment of your round today?**

SCOTT DUNLAP: A few more birdies and a few more -- which still added up to still okay. In four days, there's no way you're going to go around here without getting into some bunkers, and the double-bogey should have only been a bogey but that's neither here nor there but it was brought on by hitting into the bunker.

All in all, over two days, I couldn't be happier with how I played and where I stand.

**Q. Were conditions different this morning to yesterday?**

SCOTT DUNLAP: I mean, yesterday, we were kind of all over the place, weren't we. Cooled off a bit. I think the wind is kind of out of the same direction, but I mean, that's the beauty of being here, when you're here for a week, you're probably going to see it all and we've probably seen seven out of the ten options we're going to get between here and Sunday.

**Q. Nice to finish on 18 with a nice birdie.**

SCOTT DUNLAP: Knock it in close enough where you could shake it in. Can't complain. Especially after the three-putt on 17. Once again drove it up the bunker and couldn't quite get up the length and had probably a 100-footer, which you're not going to get close to the hole.

**Q. Happy with your position going into the weekend?**

SCOTT DUNLAP: Absolutely. I came in with no

expectations, but love the golf over here. The few tournaments I've played of recent and there's been some good stuff and with this thing, I don't really know where I'm at. You always want to believe that, hey, you're okay, you should do okay. And so far, so good this week.

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**Q. When you were diagnosed with the syndrome, how much did that put in your mind your career maybe in jeopardy?**

SCOTT DUNLAP: Well, on the way out the door, my neurologist said, one, you will get over this, and two, is may take a long time. Now, what's a long time? When you read about Parsonage-Turner, it says most people find use in three years. Well, whopty-do. Let's hope it's not that long.

It wasn't, I wouldn't say depressing, but you go in for hernia surgery, you're out for a month or six weeks. Tear an ACL, a year. This, the open-ended nature of it, I didn't know what to prepare myself for. I know I'm not going to be playing now or the next few months, but how long is this going to take.

Like I said by April, I knew it was improving enough that, okay, you know, mood is starting to brighten a little bit, and by tax day, I was playing a round of golf and shooting par. It was like, okay, from where I was when this first happened, I can hit three grounders with a lob-wedge, so okay, we're on the right trajectory here hopefully by the end of the summer it will be an afterthought, and touch wood, it looks like that's kind of the case.

**Q. You say you come in with no expectations, but given what you've been through, is this a surprise that you've been at the top of the leaderboard right now and how you've been playing?**

SCOTT DUNLAP: Yes. Yeah, being at the top of the leaderboard, because I've been over playing in Scotland last week and I was playing okay but usually you're shooting kind of in the mid 60s when your game is really on, for one, but I was shooting par. That's okay, but not the kind of golf where you think, I'm going to go lead the British Senior Open after two rounds. I was playing all right.

Like I said, I just don't know where I'm at with my game, with my arm. You hit enough good shots, you think, okay, well, I can do that all the case. That's always the case, isn't it; 10-handicapper says, I can be a pro. But you don't do it enough.

Well, that's kind of been where I am with my arm. I have not been consistent. Maybe a couple shots a round, that wasn't very good. Could have been the arm, maybe it wasn't, who knows. So that's kind of