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INTERVIEW WITH ADAM SCOTT
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FACILITATOR: Great round today. Scott Hend was saying that the conditions were perfect out there; he loved playing this type of golf course without too much wind, it was just a pleasure; the same for you?

ADAM SCOTT: The front nine was nice, I mean, the wind was down. It was beautiful early and he's right, it's nice to play this kind of course with no wind because it becomes very difficult with any breeze blowing, like it is now, and on the back nine, but even though I didn't take advantage of the front nine, I hung in there and played solid and scrambled a little bit. It wasn't my best ball striking round, but I managed to get a score which looks pretty good to me.

FACILITATOR: Did you feel that you left many shots out there or was this sort of indicative of how you played?

ADAM SCOTT: I think I wouldn't be too picky. I think it was a fairly good round and probably what I deserved. I played okay, but nothing special and made some good putts, made some good saves, stayed out of big trouble; didn't have any big numbers, which is probably easy to do around a course like this, so, a solid start.

FACILITATOR: Questions please.

QUESTION: The long putt on four, did that give you impetus to put on the finish you did, which was great. You were four under the next six I think?

ADAM SCOTT: Yeah, I mean, it was a bit of a breakthrough because I hit some good shots, missed some putts and then I was scrambling. It probably could have gone either way, the wind was getting up by that point, a tough finishing hole, or a couple of tough finishing holes; five was playing straight down, so it was playing short, but still, there was pretty much trouble everywhere you look out there, so bad shots get penalized.

But that was nice, to get kind of a bonus there and then birdie five and birdie the last couple as well, good solid stuff.

QUESTION: Were you surprised that you scored better when the wind was up a bit more?

ADAM SCOTT: No, it's funny, sometimes that gets you to focus more and think more about your shots. You've got to do a little bit more with them than this morning. I mean, I went out, drove it down the middle of the 10th fairway and then missed the green with a lob wedge, there wasn't even a breath of air blowing and that's just a terrible mistake.

So sometimes when the wind's blowing you get focused in a little bit more because you know the cost of an error is going to be pretty high.

QUESTION: Adam, you said yesterday it was a matter of surviving the course the first couple of days. Are we going to see a similar round tomorrow and then attack it on the weekend?

ADAM SCOTT: I mean it all depends on the winds. It's not going to be very attackable this afternoon and I'm assuming the wind will blow tomorrow afternoon. I think it's going to be strategy. I don't think there's too much attack. The par fives you can probably attack, whichever way the wind blows the par fives play fairly short here, just because of the downhill but if it turns around and blows the other way the fifth hole becomes like a par six.

It's hard to attack; you've got to play good golf around here.

QUESTION: It must be great to go wherever you're going this afternoon not worrying about your game like you must have done for much of the year?

ADAM SCOTT: Yeah, it's nice. I mean, it's nice that I don't have to drag myself down to the range to try and find a golf swing for tomorrow, because I did that a lot this year and seemed to have everything under control. It was good today. I found in the bye also, some days it's good to miss a couple of greens and chip and putt and actually get the feeling of making those putts and that can carry through when you hit the green and give yourself chances too.

Everything felt good today; I'm happy with it.

QUESTION: What were you thinking with your putting, earlier on they were sailing left and right. You were taking your putter up to the next tee and working on your swing, what were you thinking?

ADAM SCOTT: Like on the 10th, I par putted out and thought: Here we go again. I hope this isn't the way it's going to go today, but just like my swing, I'm persisting with what I believe is right. I said it yesterday and I still feel it today, my touch isn't spot on, because it feels a bit foreign still but I think one day it's going to click, it's going to feel really natural and technically it's better and the feel will come with that. I just persisted with it and I kept those

hands high today and made a few – I missed a couple but I made most of them.

QUESTION: In light of what happened in Melbourne, was it satisfying to see the numbers out here this morning swelling around your group and other groups early on the first day?

ADAM SCOTT: Yeah, it was a pretty early start this morning, it's a long way to get out here but yeah, it was good. Obviously playing with John, he always brings the crowd out, they love to see him play; he played fairly good and James is playing great too, like he did in Melbourne, he's off to a good start here. I think they saw some good golf. It was good to see people out. It makes it much more enjoyable for us to play with a little bit of atmosphere. It's certainly a lot more fun.

QUESTION: Are you a player that feeds off that Adam, the feel of the golf ball, but also the feel of the crowd?

ADAM SCOTT: Yeah, absolutely and Melbourne was fantastic. I think as much as they all supported Tiger, I felt I had tremendous support in Melbourne. That's been really nice for me to come home at the end of a tough year and feel still like the people at home are supporting me; it's a very nice feeling.

QUESTION: What was the club you used on the eighth, in the scrub and the sand?

ADAM SCOTT: It's like a hybrid two iron.

QUESTION: Were you happy with that shot?

ADAM SCOTT: Yeah, that was probably the only risk I took today, but I felt I could pull it off and fortunately I did, so it set me up for a birdie up and down.

QUESTION: Speaking of supporting Tiger and supporting you, do you throw your support behind Tiger in these tough times at the moment?

ADAM SCOTT: Yeah, look, I mean, his personal life has got nothing to do with me, I wish them all the best.

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