

ROUND 3 QUICK QUOTES
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SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER (-14)



Q. Scottie, it's a long walk from the ninth green to the tenth tee. You bogeyed 9, then you made five birdies. Tell us what you tell yourself.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: Probably some stuff I shouldn't repeat if it's being recorded. But yeah, I just tried to do my best to stay in it. Hit a nice wedge there into 10 and made a nice putt at 11 and kind of figured I needed to make as many birdies as I could coming in.

Q. Is there an extra gear that you find? How do you find the extra focus to come home in 29?

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: Yeah, golf's funny like that. I didn't really feel like I was that much different on the back nine than I was on the front, just I holed a couple putts and hit the ball just slightly closer on the back nine.

Q. Kids are chanting your name. I've got to ask you about the fans. Your first time here, they've been out in droves. What's it been like? How do you ride that momentum into tomorrow?

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: Yeah, the support this week's been tremendous. The crowd here has been great not only to myself but to the guys I've been playing well. Yeah, I've been with Hideki the last few days and they've been supporting him as well. It's been a really fun environment to be part of and looking forward to getting back out tomorrow.

Q. Scottie, you talk a lot about being patient. How important was that mindset after battling through the front nine there?

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: Yeah, yeah, definitely. After the back nine yesterday and front nine today, it was a pretty frustrating stretch of golf for me, so to be able to stay in the tournament was definitely nice with a good back nine today.

Q. Yeah, I was going to talk about the back nine. You went on a run, it's kind of the run we were all waiting on. What does that do going into tomorrow's round?

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: Yeah, definitely good momentum to use. Like I said, I kept myself in the tournament with a good back nine today. We'll see how far back I am going into tomorrow, but overall definitely pleased with the back nine. Probably going to need another low number tomorrow if I want to keep the pace.

Q. Walk us through the eagle on 16.



SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: Yeah. Moved the hole up so it was drivable. Hit a decent drive, just pulled it slightly but left myself in a good spot there with an uphill chip. Yeah, it's always nice when those from off the green can go in.

Q. You've been paired up with Hideki Matsuyama all three days. What has Hideki's presence done to help you out as you prepare all week?

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: Yeah, Hideki's a pretty easy pairing. He's a good guy to get paired with. He stays pretty even keel, and he hits it really nice and plays at a good rhythm so he's always good to be out on the course with.

Q. When you see all the low scores before you even tee off, what thoughts go through your mind and is there a number that you're thinking I've got to get to to keep from getting run over here?

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: Not really. I'm always just trying to execute and hit the right shots. You can only do so much on the golf course. You can't force your way into making birdies, you've just got to give yourself opportunities. Today, did a good job of staying patient after a tough front nine and making some birdies here on the back.

Q. And your thoughts on the 59 yesterday, and when you shot your 59, what was it like the next day on the first tee?

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: Gosh, I don't remember, that was so long ago to be honest with you. Sometimes I think it could be a little tough following a great round like that, but if you're going to shoot 59, you know things are going your way. So just try to use that as positive momentum and continue to hit some nice shots.

Q. You mentioned how the fans have been very supportive and it's been a good experience for you here. Would you be open then to coming back again?

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: Yeah, yeah, for sure. Like I said, it's been a good week so far. Looking forward to getting back out tomorrow and competing in front of the fans again. We'll see how far back I am going into tomorrow but shouldn't be out of the tournament. Another low number tomorrow and should be able to give myself a decent chance.

Q. Going back to the fans, you see a lot of these fans supporting you throughout the week. Who did you grow up idolizing? How did you make yourself become the golfer you are today?

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: I was fortunate to grow up in a place where I grew up watching professional golfers practice. I grew up watching guys like Harrison Frazar and Justin Leonard and Colt Knost. I had a lot of people I was able to look up to from a young age. I was fortunate they let me hang around when I was pretty young. I'm sure I was pretty



annoying asking them a lot of questions, but those were the guys I kind of idolized. I wanted to be like them. I feel like I learned a lot just kind of watching them practice and prepare to go out and play.

