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Final-round quotes

AN INTERVIEW WITH ADAM SCOTT

DAVE LANCER: We welcome Adam Scott, the winner of the 2005 Nissan Open. That was a very strange circumstance, take us through your day, I guess. It only lasted one hole, what time did you get here what did your day look like?

ADAM SCOTT: I showed up about 7:00, and pretty much from walking from the cart path to the locker room, I got the feeling from most players and caddies that we're not going to play today. It didn't look too good.

So, I assumed there would be a playoff between me and Chad if they could get the hole ready. So I just waited around for that. And then 9:30 was announced. So I hung around a little bit which we are getting pretty good at doing.

You know, I think, it was a tough break for Chad because he hasn't hit a shot in two days where I got to play a little bit every day. So maybe that was better for me. But a playoff is unpredictable.

DAVE LANCER: Take us through the four shots that you hit, take us through the playoff hole.

ADAM SCOTT: Well, I had the honor and hit a quick hook off the tee, which wasn't really ideal considering it was playing so long. I really wanted to get a lot of air under the ball and just get it down there as far as I could. So I hit it up in the left rough on the hill there. I drew an average lie. It wasn't the best it was short grass but sitting down, and I figured that I just need to get it right up there as far as I can, so I hit a 3-wood to the front. I thought that was a pretty good shot. Then it was really up to Chad to see what he did with his second shot. He hit a good drive. He just lost his 4-wood a little right. So there it was an even contest from there. I hit a good pitch and he hit a good pitch.

Like I said, he hasn't really hit a shot or a putt or anything in a couple of days, and he gets a four-footer slider. So that's tough. You just hit it through the break maybe and left me with a pretty simple putt to finish.

Q. What are your thoughts on official money but unofficial?

ADAM SCOTT: You know, that's just the way it is. A win is a win. It's nice to have the trophy. I will be called the champion but you don't get the benefits of it, I guess. That's okay. That's just how it is. That's why it's only two rounds. I just got to go out there and try to win a four rounder. I'm planning on doing that hopefully a couple of times.

Q. Just curious, what you chipped with on 18?

ADAM SCOTT: A pitching wedge.

Q. I guess this is a big putt but the 18 to 20-footer on that final hole yesterday was a very big putt to get you into it?

ADAM SCOTT: Yes, that was a big but. It came down to the last putt. We all knew that the weather report wasn't looking good for Monday. So I thought this might be it and it was nice to knock that one in for sure, just to give me the chance.

Q. How much did that one break, the one yesterday on No. 9?

ADAM SCOTT: It was a pretty good breaking putt. It was just about pin-high left. It was probably two feet I played it.

Q. I know it's a win, does it feel like a victory to you? I don't mean to be smart about this.

ADAM SCOTT: No, not really. It doesn't feel like we played much golf this week. I don't feel tired and drained like you normally do when it's finally over and you have been battling with some guy for the last 36 holes or something. It's been an odd week, you know. There has been a lot of waiting around and killing time. It's a shame because the course was in such good condition and it looked like being such a great event, even through the leaderboard was looking well, really strong players on top of the leaderboard. So it would have been a great four-round event, unfortunately the weather is a bit average.

Q. Now that you are seven in the world, what do you think you are going to find at the next level?

ADAM SCOTT: Yes, I'm getting there. You know, I think, I said two weeks ago in Melbourne, you know, my chipping and putting was embarrassing. And then a solid week of working on that, and it can all turn around a little bit. I did putt and chip a lot better here. But I still believe that's where I am going to make up the ground from where I am to getting up to the Top-5 or 3 guys in the world, is in my short game.

Q. Did you go through any kind of a normal routine this morning as far as hitting balls and putting, how much time did you spend on the putting green?

ADAM SCOTT: This week?

Q. Today, I'm sorry.

ADAM SCOTT: I went out and spent 20 minutes, probably more than I normally would. Just went out just because it's been raining a lot, just to get a feel for the greens. But, you know, I didn't want to have to putt and then walk down the hill and then walk back up the hill. I just wanted to stay down the hill. I spent a little bit more time putting and hit a few chips around the green. But, you know, that chip on the last was a good chip and I can take a bit of confidence out of that because that's how I wanted to play it and I played it pretty well.

Q. Do you, Adam, back on this bit where a win is a win but not really a win, do you agree or understand this policy. The second part of that, if someone had won a 36-hole event, would you look at them with the same credit or respect or whatever as someone who had won over 54 or 72?

ADAM SCOTT: No, probably not, I wouldn't. I think, you know, it's a shortened event. It's unfortunate circumstances, but there has got to be a winner, I guess. The rule is if 36 holes is in, there is going to be a winner and it's unofficial.

I think, you know, that's why the TOUR has four rounds tournaments because that's been believed to bring out the best player of the week over four rounds and that's what we all know and that's why it's not two rounds probably because you are looking for the best player over 72 holes.

Q. It must be weird to win and not get a call from Gary Planos?

ADAM SCOTT: Yes, right, that's too bad. Maybe I can beg or something.

Q. Did you feel the same kind of pressure playing the hole as you would have played a playoff after 72 holes? How weird was it playing a playoff hole with virtually no gallery?

ADAM SCOTT: Yes, a little different for sure. You know, I was still nervous teeing off. It was still a playoff and even as much as can you block out everything else and there was no real gallery, no one around the whole club today, when we were out there, I was still nervous. The trophy was on the line. I wanted to win just as bad as any other playoff, but it was a different feeling for sure.

Q. Adam, I want to understand this, did you not feel after today's win that you are in the upper 2, 3, 4 in the world? And, also, do you take the same confidence out of this week into next week as if you were playing over 72 holes versus 36 holes?

ADAM SCOTT: Right, to answer the first bit, I don't think I'm in that Top-2, three or four yet. I think I really have to improve somewhat to be classed in that category. But I can take some confidence out of this week into next week in Match Play. I think if I won over 72 holes I would be taking a lot more. I never really played under any pressure this week apart from that one playoff hole. The rest of it was the first two rounds of the golf tournament. That's not coming down the stretch on the back nine playing 72 holes, testing every element of your game, physical and mental.

So I think I'm really happy with the way I'm playing. But you always want to test out how that goes under extreme pressure, and I really only played one hole under pressure this week.

Q. What was your yardage into the hole after your drive?

ADAM SCOTT: It was 218 to the front. I wasn't going to get to the hole.

DAVE LANCER: Adam, thank you very much.

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