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Third-round Interviews

AN INTERVIEW WITH SCOTT VERPLANK

THE MODERATOR: We would like to welcome Scott Verplank into the interview here at the Crowne Plaza International at Colonial.

Scott, a great round you had going so far today, 5-under through 13 holes. If you could, talk about the conditions, and the way you are playing and what you are looking at tomorrow.

SCOTT VERPLANK: The conditions are perfect, I'm just kidding, really. It a slop fest. You know, it doesn't rain like this around here this time of year that often. Usually if it rains like this, it's thick storms and they kind of float through and come out. At least that was my experience for the last four years.

But just big waves of rain on the golf course. The golf course is draining remarkably well. The last couple of (inaudible) really kind of put it over the edge. I'm not sure what they're going to do. Hopefully it will quit raining and we can finish up

THE MODERATOR: A few questions?

Q. You talk about this course, how it fits your game and everything, is it finally coming together for you and what do you feel about your chances for tomorrow?

SCOTT VERPLANK: Well, you know, so far the first 13 holes, I played pretty well. I don't think I missed a green or a fairway. And you know, I made a few putts, missed a couple of pretty good chances the last two holes I played. But I had to hit out of the water on 14, so I had about a 10-footer for par on 14.

You know, as far as the golf course, it's still a long way to go. If I continue to do like I was doing up to this point, then hopefully I will be making some more birdies. Maybe I will have a chance. It would be cool to have a chance to win both the tournaments in my area.

Q. I was going to say, it's been pretty chaotic the last couple of days. Have you given some thought to the North Texas double and what would something like that mean to you?

SCOTT VERPLANK: You know, I haven't given it any serious thought. I was just trying to make sure I made the cut yesterday. We played 31 holes yesterday. I finished up pretty good for that. That kind of got me in the middle of the pack. Then obviously I come out and played pretty well so far today. But, you know, from where I am at, I got to make a lot of birdies to have a good shot at winning, I think. If it keeps raining, the golf course is soft, the greens are better today than they were the first few days which is kind of weird. They're a little bit faster and even smoother. You can get on a roll and make some putts.

Q. I assume you are aware no one pulled off a double since Hogan in '46?

SCOTT VERPLANK: You know, I wasn't aware of that. I guess I just heard that it hadn't happened very often. But I didn't know that it was all the way back to Hogan in '46. Like I said, there is a long way to go. Hopefully I will continue to improve the last round and a half. You never know.

Q. Scott, when you are having the kind of round like you had today, regardless of conditions, do you want it to end? Is there any temptation to go Caddy Shack, hit the ball in the hole with the frogs jumping out?

SCOTT VERPLANK: I wish we would have quit a hole earlier to be honest with you. I hit a perfect drive on 14, right in the middle of a puddle, and the only good legal drop basically was in the rough. So you are hitting out of water.

The golf course was remarkably good when I teed off. It's like two holes before it started coming in sheets. I couldn't believe how high it was on the first hole and the second fairway. It got really wet. Then the next little deal that came when I was on 11 pretty much put it over the edge. I mean, it's going to have to do a lot of draining to get back to where you can kind of play it legally.

Q. Out of the water you come up short of the green and had to chip up?

SCOTT VERPLANK: I was in the front right bunker, I went ahead and hit and actually I thought I hit a really nice shot. It skidded and I got a 10 footer for par. But I missed a couple of 10-footers for birdie on the previous two holes so I'm doomed.

THE MODERATOR: Thanks so much for your time.

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