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Erin Hills

Scott Harvey

Quick Quotes

Q. Won a couple matches here, and maybe it's been a couple years since you've done that. What are you doing well?

SCOTT HARVEY: Putting, honestly. Like I was really struggling with everything coming into the week because I have not -- I haven't played any, not just -- I spend all my time with my kids, which is great. My 13-year-old is really into it. Anyway, he kind of inspired me to practice a little bit harder this week, so I really grinded hard practicing.

My putting has been really solid so far, and then ball-striking is getting there, a little bit better each day, and I just hope my legs stay under me.

Q. Not that you're old, but do you feel some of that mojo coming back from five, six years ago?

SCOTT HARVEY: Yeah, yeah. You know, it's still there. The only thing that's really missing is I'd say when I'm not here, all the preparation that it takes to be ready. I'm just not grinding away at that like I used to, just because all my fulfillment in golf is coming from my son, and that's fine. I'm very at peace with that.

When I'm here, I'm here, if that makes any sense.

Q. Any memories come flooding back when you stepped on this property having played in your only U.S. Open here?

SCOTT HARVEY: Yeah. The first thing that came to mind was how hard it is to walk, up and down the hills, and I'm really feeling it right now, but I'll tell you what, the frame of the U.S. Open was here, that setting on 9 tee box with all the surround -- that was one of the coolest environments, and 18, as well, but 9 was probably the coolest environment I've ever been in. That was awesome. Sad to see that there's not 40,000 people here.

But yeah, just the experience of the U.S. Open was one that I'll never forget and cherish forever because that was



very special.

Q. Let's talk about this match today because you rolled out of the gates and got a big lead. What were you doing well in that stretch?

SCOTT HARVEY: Putting. I mean, he could have very easily been 1-up when I was 3-up. He could have been 1-up, honest to God. He hit it four feet on the first hole and I made a 20-footer and he missed it, and then I made another two more long putts, one for par -- I actually made three more long putts, two of them for par. It could have just been drastically different. He's a great player. Incredible golf swing, God almighty, and super nice guy. It could have been very different than it was.

Q. Then he made a run at you on the back. How did you steady yourself?

SCOTT HARVEY: I just played. I just kept playing. Basically to me it was like -- I'm trying to make birdies, obviously, but he had to make a lot of birdies and continue that to keep going, so I just thought if I didn't make any mistakes, and definitely tried to keep my foot on the gas, but I just felt like he had to do something really special to pass me, and I was able to not make any mistakes, thank God, but all due to the putter.

Q. Here we are in the round of 16 again, and it's nothing new to you. Knowing the experience you've had in this before, what do you have to do tomorrow?

SCOTT HARVEY: Take a lot of ibuprofen. That's how I feel. Just play. I think I'm playing Costanza; is that right? I know he's a phenomenal -- in my opinion, he's got as much talent as anybody, and it's going to be a heck of a match. We'll see how it turns out. I just play golf. There's no secret, just play golf, and it is what it is.

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