



## ROUND 2

### INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPT: WILLIE WOOD

Saturday, August 25, 2012

**MODERATOR:** Okay, Willie. You shoot 68 today, 7-under par, and you're two back of Tom Jenkins. Won last week's Dick's Sporting Goods Open and you're not slowing down. A couple thoughts about the round.

**WILLIE WOOD:** Today's round was pretty good. I hit a lot of fairways and a lot of greens, two-putted a lot of times, and then had a nice little run on the front, birdied 7 and 8, and I hit it about this far on 9 and I missed it; first short putt I think I missed this week.

Greens are a little bit hard to read, I found. It's hard to figure out where the low spots are because the canyons, there's always a canyon or two on each hole, so that's been a challenge. And they're very firm, so it's hard for me to get close to the hole. But I've done a pretty good job managing around the golf course. I birdied -- I chipped in on 11, which was a bit lucky, and then bogeyed 12 with a pitching wedge, which was silly. Then I made a nice birdie from four feet on 15 and a tap-in birdie on 18, a nice little pitch shot, 50 yards.

Oh, front nine birdies. No. 4, driver and 8-iron to about eight feet. Then I bogeyed No. 6. I shanked it, and I don't like to say that word, and I made a four. That's as far as we're going to go with that. I played it a little bit on the toe from there on in. It happens, even to everyone. Birdie on 7, I hit it about four feet on 7 and about a foot on 8, so I kind of bounced back nicely after that bogey on 6.

**MODERATOR:** Is your mindset now after the win last week just free and easy and just go for everything?

**WILLIE WOOD:** No, no, I didn't go for the green on 14 and I won't tomorrow. If I were playing with my buddies or in a scramble or any other situation, I would definitely hit 3-wood at the green, but I just don't think it's smart when you're counting it all. I hit the ball quite low and this golf course requires some height coming in, so it's been difficult for me to try to curve the ball to get it in the right

spot on the green because they are getting firm. But no, I'm not free wheeling at all.

**MODERATOR:** Questions?

**Q. (Question about last week's win.)**

**WILLIE WOOD:** Yeah, that's just when I pulled the phone out of the locker and they continued on after that. I would retrieve them and they would come in almost as fast as I would retrieve them. The mailbox was full, but it's slowed down now and I've been able to focus on this week. That was the challenging part, trying to focus on this week and get really prepared to see a golf course I've never played before that has some interesting lines that you have to take off the tee and some interesting greens that need some local knowledge. So that was a big challenge for me, something I haven't had to do in a long, long time because I haven't been in the winner's circle for a while, so it's been fun, but I think it's been a good learning experience for me.

**Q. Are you surprised where you're at today?**

**WILLIE WOOD:** Yeah, this week I am surprised. Last week I actually am not surprised. That golf course set up good for me. I played it years and years in the B.C. Open and I knew I was playing well. I really thought I would be near the lead or -- no, I wasn't surprised that way. I am a little surprised this week. But anything can happen tomorrow and I'm just going to go out there and do my best and hopefully something good will happen again.

**MODERATOR:** Do you have any history of playing in the Pacific Northwest?

**WILLIE WOOD:** No. Played in the Fred Meyer Challenge once in Portland. Oh, Vancouver, the Air Canada, and that's it.

**Q. First time in Washington to play?**

**WILLIE WOOD:** Yes. Pro-am in Spokane. That wasn't really a tournament, just a pro-am. It's beautiful. I wish I could see more of it. I leave Monday at 11:00, so I'm not going to see much of downtown or anything. It's a shame.

**MODERATOR:** Anybody got anything else? Willie, good luck tomorrow.

**WILLIE WOOD:** Thank you.