ROUND 2 INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPT: RETIEF GOOSEN & FREDDIE JACOBSON Saturday, December 14, 2013



DAVE SENKO: Well, thanks for joining us. Just talk a little about your day, maybe each of you could just make some comments about your round and then we'll get some questions. If you want to start off, Freddie.

FREDDIE JACOBSON: Sure. Yeah, we got off to a hot start, kind of made some birdies early. It was a little breezy out there, so that felt good getting off to a nice start. We were a few behind the leaders so kind of closed in there. I think we were just, you know, playing solid and we made some putts out there. So plenty of birdies, which is what you need when you play better ball, so I think we had like 13 birdies or something between us, which was nice. We also got to watch some fantastic golf out there today coming down the last 11 holes, they played tremendous golf.

RETIEF GOOSEN: Yes, Freddie played extremely well on those first few holes that play pretty tricky in that wind. I think he went like 5-under in the first few holes. That got us off to a good start. I was just sort of hanging in there here and there squeezing in a birdie, but overall, yeah, tomorrow is another day. We're going to need to make a lot of birdies and hopefully we can get on a good roll tomorrow.

DAVE SENKO: You had 11 birdies but were there any, maybe four or five that stood out today, long putts?

FREDDIE JACOBSON: Retief made a couple of real nice ones on the par 3 and I got a par 3 on the front side. I mean, I think those were playing pretty tough. It's tough to get close to the par 3s on this course, so to get three out of the four there, I think that was really good.

RETIEF GOOSEN: Yeah, he made a great birdie on No. 5, he hit a great 3-iron in there to about six feet and made a good putt.

DAVE SENKO: How about the other two?

RETIEF GOOSEN: The other two I hit 7-irons, one to about six feet, the other probably 10, 12 feet.

Q. Freddie, what were you going to be doing this week? What was it like to get the call to come here?

FREDDIE JACOBSON: Yeah, I was planned to be in Sweden right now. We had a flight booked for Thursday night, we were going to fly out, but I was happy to push it back three days. I was super excited about getting a spot to get to play and playing

with Retief, it's exciting. We're both playing pretty well at the moment so that makes it even more fun. Yeah, it's such a fun tournament and it's just such a nice relaxing environment. It feels a little bit like it's half competition, half vacation. You really have a nice setup to relax and enjoy yourself in the evenings and they put on a great program for us for the week. It's been a lot of fun both on and off the course.

Q. What was the difference for you guys on the back today? You guys got off to a good start yesterday on the front and then just couldn't get it going on the back for whatever reason. Did you do anything differently, or did a shot kind of get you going there, or just trying to chase Harris and Matt help you out?

FREDDIE JACOBSON: I think the putt Retief made on the first par 3 on the back nine, I think that was really the one that kickstarted us again. We had some decent chances and when we were close we were kind of bunker edges for a few holes. When you start going four, five holes in this format without a birdie, if you made a lot it feels like you've been going a long time without any birdies, so I felt like that was a key putt to really get us going again.

Q. You kind of alluded to it but what was it like watching Harris and Matt do that, and you know, what does that leave for you guys tomorrow knowing that you're going to be seeing them again?

FREDDIE JACOBSON: Yeah, we know they're two great players. They both had really solid years, you know. Super talented players. They're going to go out there and we've got to expect them to play well tomorrow and we have to go out and try to do something special tomorrow. We give it our everything and hopefully we start draining a bunch of putts. We've been doing pretty well on the greens and we got to see a lot of putts made today. If the hole can keep looking big for us tomorrow, we might have a chance.

Q. You go and shoot 11-under today and you lose ground. Is that deflating at all?

RETIEF GOOSEN: We already started behind, we started three shots off the lead. So we knew, you know, one of those three guys or three groups that were 8-under were going to shoot something low again today. So yeah, we shot 11-under so we lost a shot really to what the overnight lead was. Overall not too bad, but yeah, four shots behind tomorrow, we need something really low.

Q. Do you scoreboard watch at all?

RETIEF GOOSEN: There isn't any scoreboards out there actually. I think there's one on the front nine and one on the back nine, so that's about it. You just sort of go. I think tomorrow the guys to watch are the two guys we're going to be playing with.