

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPT: DOUG GARWOOD Saturday, August 23, 2014

PHIL STAMBAUGH: Okay, Doug, a very nice 66 today, birdieing the last hole to get in at 11 and you trail Scott Dunlap by one. Another good week for you. Just talk about your play here today.

DOUG GARWOOD: Well, it was a beautiful day. It was hot, sunny, very little wind, so I always enjoy that. I'm hitting it well, I'm putting good, I'm thinking good and enjoying the moment.

PHIL STAMBAUGH: Do you just want to take us through the round if you could.

DOUG GARWOOD: I made a nice -- I had to lay up on 1, which was disappointing, but I made about a 15-footer for birdie to get off to a good start. I don't know what happened after that.

PHIL STAMBAUGH: You made three pars and then birdied 5.

DOUG GARWOOD: Oh, that's right. I made a nice shot into 4 but just missed the putt. Hit a really nice iron into 5, almost made it, it was about a foot short, so I was feeling it then. I was hitting good, solid irons. The putter was good.

PHIL STAMBAUGH: What club into 5?

DOUG GARWOOD: Into 5, a little 9-iron. And then 7 I had about a hundred yards and I hit a little knockdown gap wedge to about six feet and made that for birdie. No. 8, for some reason they moved the tee up on 8. I thought it was reachable from the back tees, but from the front tee I hit 7-iron in, so I had about six feet for eagle there, which I missed. It hit something, wasn't my fault. Just keep going like this?

PHIL STAMBAUGH: Yeah.

Q. Bogey on 9, right?

DOUG GARWOOD: Oh, yeah. My backswing got a little quick there or a little short and I hit it a little thin and it hit the bank and went back in the water. Then I made a nice up-and-down with --

PHIL STAMBAUGH: What club?

DOUG GARWOOD: 7-iron. But then I used the drop zone and hit a gap wedge in

there about 12 feet and made it for bogey, so that was my first bogey of the tournament and I was telling my caddie it was ironic that I finally made bogey and I was happy to do so because I was looking at double.

Then I made a nice up-and-down from the front bunker on 10 to avoid the bogey-bogey, so that got my momentum even keel.

And then I hit a nice lob wedge into 12 about three feet, used the slope, spun it down, made birdie. No. 14 hit 3-wood at the green but I bailed out.

PHIL STAMBAUGH: You birdied 13.

DOUG GARWOOD: Did I?

PHIL STAMBAUGH: Par 3.

DOUG GARWOOD: Oh, really? How nice. I was thinking that putt didn't go in but I guess it did. Yeah, birdied 13, hit it in about 15 feet, rolled the putt in.

No. 14, I went at the green but I kind of bailed out a little right, didn't get it up and down, hit a poor pitch shot. And 15 I had about 18 feet right in the gut, left it short. No. 16 I was in a nasty lie, I was just happy to get it up on the green and almost made birdie. And 17 I hit a very nice 6-iron about seven feet, didn't scare it. And then 18 I bombed the drive over the bunker. It was playing really long. I hit it as good as I could hit the drive and I still had 230, you know. I mean, 220 into the wind playing 230 and hit a 2-iron that I guess hit the hole.

Q. It went in the hole. You had a bad break.

DOUG GARWOOD: So I was telling the guy driving that I can hit the hole from 230 but I missed it from 50 feet. The putt really never had a chance, it broke a little more than I thought.

PHIL STAMBAUGH: It was about 20 feet for eagle?

DOUG GARWOOD: Let's call it 18 feet.

PHIL STAMBAUGH: Doug, talk about your year. You had two really good finishes there in the midwest, fourth at Chicago and lost in a playoff at the Principal Charity Classic in Iowa. Just talk about your year to this point.

DOUG GARWOOD: Well, I started the year as third conditional out of Q School. I had to qualify for the first tournament in Florida, which I got in. Played with Langer the first two days, I enjoyed that. Then I missed the next three, four tournaments. I would have got in Mississippi on my number but I left on Thursday because everyone

was there and Friday morning two people didn't show. Then I got into Iowa and I played real well.

I feel like I have the game to play out here and I really enjoy the beautiful golf courses we get to play, the big tournament atmosphere, the ropes, the galleries, the scorers, the press, so it motivates me to play well. It's like an actor being on a Broadway stage versus stock, summer stock somewhere, it just gets your blood pumping a little more, my blood pumping, so it seems to bring out my good play.

PHIL STAMBAUGH: And quickly before questions, just your assessment on Snoqualmie. Like Scott Dunlap came in here, he had not been here either, so your assessment?

DOUG GARWOOD: Well, I was here last year, but beautiful golf course. It suits me pretty well. You've got to drive it well but if you do miss a fairway, I like that there's not a tree in front of you normally. It's in great shape, greens are rolling good and it's obviously super beautiful.

Q. What would a win tomorrow do for you?

DOUG GARWOOD: It would make me exempt for another year.

Q. For your psyche, for everything that you put your effort into?

DOUG GARWOOD: I really couldn't say what it would do for me if I won. I'm sure it would be a huge confidence boost, but until I do it it's kind of hard to relate. Just being out here is a blast and so I don't really look forward to winning so much, I just look forward to playing my best every day and see what it brings.

Q. So (inaudible) Web.com Tour in 2002, all the interim between college and 2002, were you on mini tours? What were you doing in that time period?

DOUG GARWOOD: Good question, I don't know. I played a little bit of golf. I was out of the game for about 10 years. I turned pro out of college and played for about four years but I really wasn't dedicated to the game, and then I slid out of it and just worked in different fields, insurance, stuff like that. Then I ended up, a fluke I was caddying at a private club and my current caddie's brother said why don't you try to qualify for the U.S. Open. I didn't own golf clubs anymore, no golf clothes. They paid my entry, gave me clubs, a shirt to wear, a member caddied for me and I was the medalist at the local in '99 and so I played again after that. Birdied four of the first six and I said, well, this is easy.

Q. When was your last win?

DOUG GARWOOD: I think that was last year, the Rocky Mountain Open. Hit driver

on the green last hole, two-putted for birdie to win. Or maybe that was two years ago. I think Sedona Open actually, I won the Sedona Open last year.

Q. So you quit playing golf altogether in that 10 or 12 years, not even recreationally?

DOUG GARWOOD: No, no.

Q. Did you miss it at all during that time?

DOUG GARWOOD: No, no.

Q. Wow, so if it hadn't been for those guys on a lark --

DOUG GARWOOD: Well, I was caddying at that time so I probably would have got into it, but that was --

Q. What's the most interesting job you had in that 10-year period? Insurance?

DOUG GARWOOD: I was delivering pagers in the early '90s. Pagers, remember those things? I used to put 150 miles around L.A. every day and I was at the Reginald Denny intersection two days before the riots, so that was probably the most interesting.

Q. Do you think you have a good chance to win tomorrow?

DOUG GARWOOD: Yeah, being second, one back. Scott's a great player, but I'm playing well so one shot, you never know what will happen.

Q. So the '90s basically you took off?

DOUG GARWOOD: Pretty much, yeah, yeah.

Q. And your dad was an actor?

DOUG GARWOOD: Dad was an actor, did summer stock. Then he came out to Hollywood to do TV and movies, did the undertaker on Gunsmoke, almost got the Lurch part in Addams Family, just missed it. He was in a lot of pilots, Alias Smith & Jones, Twilight Zone, stuff like that, Get Smart. But he never got the series other than Gunsmoke, but that wasn't -- it was recuring but it wasn't every week so he slid out of that and went to the post office. I take after my dad a lot, so this is like my stage and when I'm out there I'm acting like a professional golfer.

PHIL STAMBAUGH: That's a great line.

DOUG GARWOOD: It doesn't mean I'm just faking it.

PHIL STAMBAUGH: Anything else? Doug, good luck tomorrow.

DOUG GARWOOD: Thanks, Phil.