

RETIEF GOOSEN (-9)

Q. Kind of got your round off to a flying start on two?

RETIEF GOOSEN: Yeah. Actually, I got it off to a nice flying start on my 18th hole at 7:00 this morning. I birdied 18 this morning, then went back to the hotel, had an hour and a half sleep again. Came back out and yeah, continued the great play after that. So it was nice to get off to a good start. On No. 2 I hit a good drive and a 3-rescue up there to about seven, eight feet. Yeah, nice eagle there. Sort of got the round going.

Q. Were you aware that the course record was within reach?

RETIEF GOOSEN: No, I had no idea what the course record is here. It was a little bit disappointing, the putt on 17. That could have made a bit of a difference. Anyway, I'll take that any day.

Q. Is this the kind of round, though -- I mean, you've been here before. Can you get -- does this place got it in -- you know, can you do this -- I don't know, how often can you --

RETIEF GOOSEN: It's a golf course that, you know, I've had some good rounds and I've also had lots of bad rounds. It's that kind of course. If you're a little bit off your game, you know, you could be on the fairway behind a tree. So it's a course that can get the best of you very quickly and not really playing all that bad. Today was nice. I drove the ball nicely, got a few breaks here and there, but yeah, the putter was hot and I holed a lot of putts.

Q. What was the second shot on 18?

RETIEF GOOSEN: I had a very bad lie in the rough. I tried to punch a little 7-iron, running 7-iron and came out a little deader than I expected.

Q. Was that tree in your way?

RETIEF GOOSEN: Yeah. No, I had no other shot there really.

Q. This is your first season on PGA TOUR Champions; 54-hole events in regular play, 72 holes this week. Is that more of a comfort zone, something you've been playing your entire career, coming here for a four-round tournament?

RETIEF GOOSEN: Not really. Steve got off to great start yesterday and you feel like you're falling way behind. I managed to finish okay this morning only being five behind and

suddenly I went on a roll and his game went dead. So it's funny how it works. You know, two rounds to go, a long way to go around this golf course.

Q. Could you talk about the three straight birdies, 10, 11, 12?

RETIEF GOOSEN: Yeah. On 10 I hit a 3-wood off the tee and I had a nice yardage for a pitching wedge to pitch it past the hole and bring it back. No. 11 I had a good drive and I was a little in between clubs there, either sand wedge or a 52, and I hit a 52 that went long, but --

Q. How far was that?

RETIEF GOOSEN: Putt was probably a good 20 feet. Made a nice putt there. I actually got a good read off David Toms. He was coming down the same line.

And then I had a good putt on 12. Hit an 8-iron there. I went a little long, probably around 20 feet again. You know, sort of from memory playing this course so many times, I sort of remembered that putt a little and it worked out perfect for me.

Q. Did you have any other moments like that where you kind of flashed back to the old days?

RETIEF GOOSEN: Yeah, you generally have flashbacks of all the bad things that's happened to you, not so often all the good things. Yeah, it's -- playing over the years here, there's some lines here that you -- a guy playing the first time would not see what the ball's going to do.