

ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES

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RETIEF GOOSEN (-2)



Q. Retief, being mic'd up and doing the walk and talk really paid off, didn't it?

RETIEF GOOSEN: Yeah, you should have seen after I took the mic off what happened. Yeah, the first few holes I had pretty good chances for birdie, didn't make anything so the putter was cold. Finally hit it close on 17 and made a birdie then, and messed it up on 18 quickly again.

Then the front nine with that weather coming in, those squirrelly showers, it played pretty tough. Some of the holes played -- and the wind also suddenly changed from southwest to northwest. We played these last few holes almost straight into the wind.

Q. Was that an advantage for you, because there were a lot of players that kind of fell apart?

RETIEF GOOSEN: Yeah, it wasn't easy. I didn't drive it that good, I think I only hit about six fairways, too. I scrambled pretty well on a few holes and made a few good pars. Coming in was nice. Obviously the 9th hole played straight into the wind. I hit a good drive and a 7-iron, made a nice birdie to finish the day off.

Q. You won here one time before?

RETIEF GOOSEN: I did win here a few years ago, yeah. It's always nice coming back to a course that you won on before and like and get a good feel for it.

The forecast for tomorrow and the weekend is looking good, so hopefully we can get a quick round of golf in for a change. It's been so many, pro-am too on Wednesday took like five hours to play 12 holes. Hopefully tomorrow will be a nice, quick round.

Q. We talked as we were walking about starting on 10, finishing on 9, did that bother. You said no, you have to play them all.

RETIEF GOOSEN: Yeah, you have to play them all. It doesn't matter where you start. I mean, the 10th and the first hole are probably -- first hole is probably a little tougher than the 10th hole but you've got to hit it down the middle and hit it on the green.

Q. But with the wind change, did that make it a little different?

RETIEF GOOSEN: Yeah, it did change. We had to go in after we were on No. 17, which was only our eighth hole. Then I hit it close on 17 after the rain delay and then drove it in the

woods here on 18 and made 5. From there on it was tricky. The wind suddenly started changing, some of the holes were playing different. It was tough to hit enough club on some of the holes suddenly because it suddenly got cooler as well.

Q. Are you happy with the 2?

RETIEF GOOSEN: Oh, yeah, definitely. Yeah, I'll take it any day.