

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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PAUL GOYDOS (-6)

Q. How did your round go today, a little bit of --

PAUL GOYDOS: Yeah, I'm fine. It was cold. I was just trying to stay warm and just kind get through more than anything else. The superintendent and his staff, I don't know how many people, they probably drew people from other courses, they came in and six inches of rain in 24 hours, they did a fantastic -- the greens, they actually held. I mean, they skipped a couple, but they -- you know, a lot of times when you get wet greens, they start out pretty smooth and by the end of the day they get pretty thrashed. These greens were perfect on the last hole and I was the second-to-last group. How they managed to do that, I don't really know. I don't think -- it says a lot about how the condition of the golf course was prior to the rain and what contained of shape it's in. As much as we appreciate all the hard work they did the last 24 hours, the course really showed because of all the hard work they did the last 365 days in preparation for the tournament and I think that helped scoring. The scoring is very good today because the course was in just in unbelievably good shape. When you do that, it's hard to keep the scores high, for lack of a better word.

Q. Seeing what happened today with the scores, you go into tomorrow, is it a little bit -- is there some pressure there that wouldn't be otherwise because you're expecting you're going to have to keep -- birdies are going to have to keep coming?

PAUL GOYDOS: Well, we'll see. I think the wind's supposed to blow a different direction tomorrow, it's supposed be a south wind, it's supposed to blow pretty good all weekend. We don't know the golf course real well. The golf course might play harder with a south wind, I don't know. But it's in good -- also, you'll see, you know, yeah, the scores are good, but the guys who shot low today generally don't shoot as low the next day and the guys who shot maybe not as low today will shoot lower tomorrow, you know, and those things happen. 7 under's leading, probably 12 tomorrow and 18 or something. Again, the course might play a lot harder with a south wind, I don't know that but we'll find out. The course is in great shape. I can't imagine that it would have been in this kind of condition --

Q. If we were standing at this yesterday at the same time?

PAUL GOYDOS: Right. You just never would have imagined that -- and not just -- I get that it's wet, but the fact that the course would hold up. It's not like the fairways are getting gigantic divots and turning into mush. The greens are rolling perfect, I mean perfect. I can't imagine what they would have been like if it didn't rain, you know. All in all, you've got -- just today, this is dedicated to the super and his job for getting the course ready.