

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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RETIEF GOOSEN (-9)

Q. Retief, great round today. You started off with some birdies and got three there, even one on the back pushing towards the end. How does it feel?

RETEIF GOOSEN: Yeah, it was a tricky day again. The wind picked up in the afternoon and it got pretty tricky, some of the holes out there. But yeah, I got off to a nice start. I hit a drive and a 5-iron on the second to about 12 feet and missed it but made birdie. And then chipped in for birdie on the next, which sort of got the round going. And then from there I birdied three of the three par 5s and made a nice sort of 25-footer on 10 for birdie.

So today was nice to hang on and finish the round off good. Yesterday I finished poorly and today I finished better and got a good round in.

Q. As of late it seems like your game has picked up a lot. Has something changed or have you changed something?

RETEIF GOOSEN: Not really. I just, you know, got to hang in there and keep working away at it and hopefully the chances will come. The more you start getting opportunities, hopefully we can get a win under the belt.

Q. When 50-year-olds come out, there's a lot expected. A lot of people said it's only a matter of time. Do you feel that time is coming and do you feel good about the way your game's progressed out here?

RETEIF GOOSEN: Yeah, I am. I hope it's my time tomorrow, we'll see, but the field is very bunched up. Tomorrow you're probably going to have to shoot a low round because somebody is going to go and shoot a low round and probably come out of the pack. So you're just going to have to keep making birdies out there and hopefully it's enough come the last hole.

Q. Darren Clarke said one of the interesting adjustments was the three rounds and sort of figuring out when to step on the gas in terms of moving day. A, have you experienced that, and then obviously how important is a day like today to get to 6 and know there's only one round left?

RETEIF GOOSEN: Yeah, I mean, every day's a moving day out here. From round one, the first hole on, you've got to start making birdies. Seven under late yesterday, I was going on okay and I finished poorly and finished at 3 under and I sort of felt out of it, but today in the difficult conditions I got a good round in and that sort of kept the guys from running away.