

**ROUND 3 INTERVIEW**  
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**RETIEF GOOSEN ( -15, lost third playoff hole with par)**

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**Q. Obviously not the finish that you wanted, but incredible fight. Can you take us through those last three playoff holes there?**

**RETIEF GOOSEN:** Yeah. I messed up really a little bit during regular play, especially on 15, it cost me. But then on the 72nd hole I hit a good putt, misread it.

Then, yeah, the playoff was exciting stuff. It was good to be in that sort of fight again. It's been a while since I've been in that kind of position and it's nice to finally get in that position. Now we can grow on that and I'm looking forward to the U.S. Open next week.

**Q. I feel like your game's just continuing to improve every single week out here. Are you doing something different?**

**RETIEF GOOSEN:** Well, I started hitting the ball a lot better, and this week I changed my putter grip and I started putting nicely. Felt good over the putter all week, so that's a good thing going into next week.

**Q. The chip, your final chip there where you putted it, were you torn between chipping and putting there? Tough shot?**

**RETIEF GOOSEN:** Yeah. Unfortunately, I was right up against the cut there and chipping wasn't going to be easy, either. I just thought if I hit a good, solid putt, it will get up. But it started bouncing on me and that was the end of that.

**Q. What about the 18th hole position? I mean, Steve said he misread his putt.**

**RETIEF GOOSEN:** Yeah, I misread mine. Mine looked like just really pretty much a dead straight uphill putt, and hit it firm, too. It broke. Yeah, he had that putt there. I thought to myself, if he's going to miss it, he's going to miss it low. It just doesn't look like it should be break that much.