ROUND 1 INTERVIEW September 27, 2019



RETIEF GOOSEN (-4)

Q. With this being your first start at this tournament, how hard is it to get used to this format? Is it much different or are you just kind of playing this course how you know?

RETIEF GOOSEN: Well, I played the AT&T a number of times over the years, but obviously Poppy Hills has been out of the routine of playing for quite some time. So yesterday or the day before I managed to get a quick nine holes in there. I didn't play the back nine, I only played the front nine. The course is obviously quite different than what it used to be.

Yeah, we can't complain. Off to a nice start and hopefully the weather is not too bad tomorrow and get a good round in around Pebble, too.

Q. How much does that make it easier having experience here at Pebble and coming here tomorrow with that in the forecast?

RETIEF GOOSEN: Well, we played yesterday afternoon and it blew 30 miles an hour out there and the course really became unplayable, especially the holes right on the ocean. Balls were starting to move on the greens. So it's going to be interesting to see what's really going to happen tomorrow, if it's going to be as bad as they say it's going to be, but we'll just have to take it as it comes.

Q. Can you just talk a little bit about playing with your junior today? What was that experience like? Were you able to interact with them much?

RETIEF GOOSEN: Yeah, no, I played with Yusuf, a very nice kid. He hit the ball amazingly well. He outplayed me a few times on a few holes, which is nice. Then obviously Peter Ueberroth and his daughter. Peter, I played with him about 12 years ago at the AT&T.

No, it was good to catch up with everybody and we were first out this morning. It was dark, but we had a nice run around, didn't wait for anybody. It was a nice pace of play, we had fun.