

**ROUND 2 INTERVIEW**  
**September 21, 2019**



**PAUL GOYDOS (-5)**

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**Q. What made the round, this round for you, first of all, distinctive today?**

**PAUL GOYDOS:** You know, it's a golf course that's, you know, playing -- you have to kind of -- you're just getting around. Nobody's hitting any fairways, it's hard to hit greens. So it becomes a function of missing in the right place because the golf course is firm and it's really hard to hit the ball in the fairway, I think.

I hit a couple shots that I thought were right down the middle into the rough. They bounce sideways and go 50 yards, so it's kind of -- you know, there's a -- in a sense, when it gets like that, there's a sense there's a little bit of luck involved. You've got to get the ball to end up in a decent place when you don't have much control over it. So I thought I managed that pretty well for two days really. You have to putt well, that's the thing. It's really about dealing with this course conditions, which are difficult, and then making putts, and I've done both of those for the most part.

**Q. Today was a little bit easier?**

**PAUL GOYDOS:** Just because there was less wind. I don't know that -- I think "easier's" an interesting term, but the golf course is, I think -- you know, the firmness makes it very challenging. Obviously there's that, it's almost like you don't realize the shorter the course plays, almost the harder it plays and it's a perfect example of that. The golf course is playing -- every hole's playing two or three clubs shorter than last year but the scores aren't really that -- they're probably worse.

Again, if you don't -- it's really, it's really about where you miss it, it's not really about where you hit your good ones. Your good ones are going to be okay, but if you miss in the wrong place, you could stay out there for a week. At 17 today I hit a spot where I could still be there if I didn't hit a good second shot. Those mistakes you just can't make, not many of them anyway.

**Q. And then so going into tomorrow it's more of the same?**

**PAUL GOYDOS:** Yeah. Sounds like it's going to be windy again tomorrow and I think a little different direction and a little cooler, but yeah. Again, the golf course is very bouncy and very firm, which puts again a premium on just managing around and understanding that par's a good score, even though on some holes, a par 5, that might be a driver and an iron, if you get a little out of position, par's not a bad score. As firm as it is, it's very -- the problem is when it's this firm is that it's very easy to get out of position, you know. It's the total opposite of last year in a sense.

So yeah, it has that, you know, this is kind of -- it's not as long, this is kind of what happens in majors. You kind of have to hit a lot of shots out of the rough and your short game becomes a little more important and your putting becomes a little more important.

**Q. So taking an aggressive attitude, that's not even part of --**

**PAUL GOYDOS:** I think that -- I think that you need to have your attitude. I think there are players out here that are aggressive and they're going to play that way and that's fine, and there are players out here who are. But I don't look at it as aggressive or non-aggressive. It's just getting the ball -- I'm not saying missing in the right place, I don't want to say that's not aggressive necessarily, it's just prudent for me. That may not be the case for Kirk Triplett or Ken Duke or whatever, they're going to have a different game plan, a different thought on a lot of that.

This golf course I think is one of those golf courses that everybody's going to kind of play it their own way. There is no set way to play it. I have my theory and everybody else has got theirs.

Very rarely do you see on a Champions Tour event or PGA TOUR event where you get on a tee on a non-par 3 and three different clubs are off the tee. That just doesn't happen in golf anymore and this golf course that happens all the time. And so it's just, this is a game -- kind of a game plan kind of golf course more than anything else.