## ROUND 1 INTERVIEW September 13, 2019

## **RETIEF GOOSEN (-6)**



## Q. Great round today, you're up at the top of the leaderboard. Thoughts on that first round?

**RETIEF GOOSEN:** Yeah, no, I started off really nice. The first five, six holes played into a strong wind this morning and I really hit some really good shots in those first few holes and made a few birdies. I was 4 under through six, so I was off to a great start in tough conditions. After that I had my chances to go really low, missed a few putts, short ones. Then obviously very much a mental mistake on No. 17. Hit a bad shot there and caught a poor lie in the bunker and didn't get it up and down. So a bit of a disappointing finish, but two rounds to go, top of the leaderboard, right place to be.

Q. Do you feel some momentum charged from your group when you've got such a great feature group with McCarron playing so well and another World Golf Hall of Famer with you?

**RETIEF GOOSEN:** Yeah. Vijay, unfortunately, had a rough day today, just couldn't get anything going. Scott had the finish that I started with, so he played really well in the last few holes. But yeah, it's going to be a nice taste, I'm sure I'll be out with him tomorrow and it will be good to play with him again.