

Chrysler Championship
The Westin Innisbrook Golf Resort
Copperhead Course
Tampa Bay, Fl

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Final-round tournament quotes

AN INTERVIEW WITH PAUL GOYDOS

PAUL GOYDOS: Good day, two birdies. First hole, driver, 5-iron, sand wedge 10-footer. That was the fastest putt I've ever seen in my life. It doesn't go in, I don't know if it ever would have stopped. Luckily it hit the hole and that killed its momentum. I bogeyed 3, hit it in the rough. Hit it in the rough again. Chipped it on the green and missed about a six-footer.

I birdied 11, par-5, I hit a good drive. The pin is in this funky little corner. My ball skirts up and stops on the fringe. I got it straight up the hill. There is no place to hit the ball. I find a way to do it from 270 yards. I didn't hit a great putt but made a birdie there. I hit a lot of greens, a lot of fairways. Just a good solid round of golf. Unfortunately, it wasn't good enough to catch K.J.

JOAN vT ALEXANDER: It was a good way to end the season.

PAUL GOYDOS: Yes, it is. The bitter sweetness of not winning, is not a big part of this. The rest of it is pretty sweet. Considering how I played all year, obviously, this is a pretty good week.

JOAN vT ALEXANDER: Questions please.

Q. What were the plans had this week not happened?

PAUL GOYDOS: You keep playing. Your choices are to retire or to keep playing and give it all that you got. I was going to be exempt in the finals at TOUR school, prepare and take whatever I got out of this week. Good things did happen this week irrespective of where I finished and you try to build off of those things. It's TOUR school and beyond.

Q. Is it hard to come in here? I guess you have to expect to come in here and jump into 125?

PAUL GOYDOS: Yes, I tried not think about it that much. I missed the last two cuts, but prior to that I played pretty good at Texas and the 84 Lumber. I didn't feel that my game was real far off. It was a matter of making some putts and Thursday and Friday I putted very well and got on a pretty good run. It didn't run away. I shot 3-under on the weekend. Normally 3-under on the weekend last week you would have finished 59th.

This golf course, 3-under had some value. I think if this would have been a tournament where I said last week I was able to shoot 21-under, I don't know if I would have done that. This golf course you don't need to do that. It suits the way I play a little more.

Q. In the last 10 years do you feel it noticeably hard to win?

PAUL GOYDOS: My record would say yes. Yes. Every year you are going to have a new crop of Nationwide and TOUR school guys coming every year. There is more good players. We are getting more a lot more of the top players from Europe and Australia than 10 years ago also. I would think at least half the Ryder Cup team plays our TOUR. I don't know if that was case 10 years ago. So the depth of play on the PGA TOUR, yes, are mind boggling.

Q. This event site, gets a March date next he year, the golf course seems to get really good reviews from you guys is, everybody seems to like it, it's popular. Right now there is no title sponsor. You're a business savvy guy, should golf read something into that? Is there a concern?

PAUL GOYDOS: I didn't know that there wasn't a title sponsor to be perfectly honest with you.

Q. There are no reports of one.

PAUL GOYDOS: It's probably a question to ask Tim. I don't have any specific knowledge of that. Is it worrisome? We have maybe the most recognizable person on the earth playing our sport. People are going to want to be in business with us, I think. In the long run you will have glitches. I said like this year, I've had 13, 15 year career, and for six months I was pretty poor. That doesn't mean I stink the rest of my life. It means I had a rough stretch. Maybe this tournament struggled -- I'm just, off the top of my head, winging it. It doesn't mean in the long run this tournament is going to struggle. I don't think you can equate the two together. Tampa is a solid area, Florida. I could imagine they will find somebody. A lot of it has to do with timing. Bob Hope and this one. They are pretty far apart. To get two tournaments real close together might not work as well for Chrysler.

If we would have stayed in this date Chrysler might have stayed on board. You probably have to ask Tim or The TOUR that.

We have title sponsors come and go. It's just part of the business end of it. We hire Finchem and his people to run that and I think they have done a pretty good job.

Q. Locally, is there anything at this site or anything would say, no wonder they can't get one?

PAUL GOYDOS: It's not the golf course. The golf course is probably in the Top-5 we play on TOUR. The field, it's a tough day. You're not going to get Tiger on this date. If Tiger shows up next year, he is obviously reading rave reviews about the golf course. Title sponsor is not going to be a problem. I think your field will be pretty solid the second week in Florida.

But having said that, there are no bad fields on the PGA. That is a myth. When we show up at B.C. Open there is 144 guys who come here to play. But because you haven't heard of them that means they are a bad player, it's not very accurate.

JOAN vT ALEXANDER: Anymore questions?

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