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Second-round tournament quotes:

AN INTERVIEW WITH RETIEF GOOSEN

(Interview by tape.)

Q. You laid up, a lot of people go for it in two, is that the kind of strategy you will have going into the weekend?

RETIEF GOOSEN: I would like to go for the greens but I keep driving in the rough. That's the problem. I hit a few bad drives. I didn't quite drive it as well as I did yesterday. I need to work on that a little this afternoon, and hopefully play better tomorrow.

Q. A good birdie on 15?

RETIEF GOOSEN: Yes.

Q. (Inaudible)?

RETIEF GOOSEN: I hit a good drive. I hit a 2-iron to the flag. But the wind was blowing so hard at that time. I had a better chance laying up, so I laid up, and I hit a sand wedge in there to about six feet. So, yes it was a good decision to me.

Q. You are in a good spot, don't you think right now?

RETIEF GOOSEN: Yes, you always want to be better as we know. I missed a lot of putts out there today. I couldn't quite hit it as well as my irons. Three off the lead, hopefully by the end I'll be there.

Q. (Inaudible)?

RETIEF GOOSEN: No, I haven't had a chance, maybe late afternoon I can try and do something. I've got to do a few things now, a bit of practice and hopefully get out of here by three or 4 o'clock.

Q. When do you leave?

RETIEF GOOSEN: Early next week, yes.

Q. Do you think it would be special to win here based on what's happening?

RETIEF GOOSEN: Yes, basically I would love to do well and get the crowd, they need the money for charity. They need a lot of support in this area. I will hope for a good weekend, and I look forward to the crowds out here.

Q. (Inaudible)?

RETIEF GOOSEN: Hopefully good weather in the morning than in the afternoon. Today, there was no real advantage today.

Q. Did you come out and think today could be a good day because you were playing in the morning?

RETIEF GOOSEN: Yes, you feel like the greens are a little bit softer in the morning than the afternoon. So I felt, 11-under, I would have probably not been in the lead, but I probably am going to be one behind.

Q. (Inaudible)?

RETIEF GOOSEN: I hit a lot of short irons today, couldn't make putts.

Q. (Inaudible)?

RETIEF GOOSEN: Yes, I birdied 15 and 16. I hit the wrong club on 17 and it was just short, made bogey. I didn't do anything coming in. Even the holes downwind today. (Inaudible)?

Q. All because of the wind?

RETIEF GOOSEN: Yes, because the wind is blowing so strong downwind.

Q. You'd rather be hitting into the wind rather than downwind?

RETIEF GOOSEN: It depends on how strongly. It's easier to hit a 9-iron into the wind (inaudible).

Q. When did you make up your mind to come here?

RETIEF GOOSEN: It wasn't really the only reason.

(Inaudible). It just happened to fit into my schedule, these two were in my schedule. I dropped a few like Byron Nelson. So I decided to play these two weeks, and the way the schedule works out next year, I might have to play these events. That's how I work my schedule now. It just happens to work out that I'm here this week. I'm glad to be here how now and help support the event and the area.

Q. (Inaudible)?

RETIEF GOOSEN: A lot of holes, the wind is playing across on you. If you don't shape the ball, the ball will not get the right distance you are looking for. There is a lot of crosswind.

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