

RETIEF GOOSEN (-11)

Q. Retief, it seems like you and Zach were kind of feeding off each other on the front nine, both made five birdies in a row.

RETIEF GOOSEN: Yeah, I know. We both played OK on the first couple of holes and then suddenly, yeah, the putts started to drop. He had a nice chip-in there on the fifth hole for birdie and kept the momentum going. Yeah, between me and him, and Heath also made a few birdies out there but he also made too many bogeys. Yeah, it was great fun playing with the local hero.

Q. Did the course change at all after the break?

RETIEF GOOSEN: Not really. Actually, we were very surprised that we went out that quick. We thought we were going to play in the rain the whole back nine, but it quickly stopped. The wind suddenly turned from the south to the north, so suddenly the last few holes were playing different than the law few days. 18 was playing downwind, that's why we were able to get it to the green.

Q. What's it going to take tomorrow?

RETIEF GOOSEN: Well, depending weather. If it's like now, you're going to have to go low again, I think. Somebody's going to go low, that's for sure. The pins might be a little different. A lot of pins on high spots today so you had a lot of uphill putts that were very slow. So tomorrow we could have the opposite, very quick putts down the hill. They're going to keep everything down at the bottom of the hills.

Q. Two rounds in, what do you make of this Des Moines crowd so far? How fun is it to compete alongside Zach as well?

RETIEF GOOSEN: Yeah, no, I played here a number of years now and the people have been very supportive of this event. Having Zach, yeah, pulling the crowds tomorrow is going to be a great turnout.

Q. What's it like personality-wise playing with him? He's talked about how he's been able to learn so much in his first year and just make friends along the way in this journey for him.

RETIEF GOOSEN: Oh, no, he knows all the guys on this tour. We've all been around too long not to know each other. No, he's a great guy. He's always been a great player. He's real excited being out here. I remember when I turned 50, I was really excited to be out here.



I'm now 57 coming up, so I'm sort of like the old boy now, he's a youngster.

Q. Was the blue coordinated for all three of y'all?

RETIEF GOOSEN: Yeah, can you believe that? Maybe we should do it again tomorrow.

