

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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PAUL GOYDOS (-12)

PAUL GOYDOS: Yeah, I was just talking to Lanny. I had about a six-footer for birdie and my routine's pretty quick. I get in there, I want to hit a fast one. I looked at the hole and all I saw was the sun, and I should have backed away and I didn't. I was kind of a little -- I kind of mentioned that's kind of the difference between -- you talk about the difference between a Langer or a Watson or a Woods or a Spieth and a Goydos is that I was too quick there. I should have stopped. The sun, hey, wait a minute, I should have started over, but I didn't. But, you know, it's a learning experience and you move on.

Q. Do you like tree-lined, old-style courses?

PAUL GOYDOS: Generally, yes. Generally, yes. This golf course doesn't hide where it wants you to hit the ball. You kind of follow the line of the trees and you'll be okay. Yeah, I mean, you need to drive it good. I drove it better today than yesterday, but yeah.

Q. Janzen was saying he's glad that you and Kevin aren't in the same group because it would be tough to catch you guys.

PAUL GOYDOS: Yeah, Kevin played good today. Seems like him and McCarron, if they play good tomorrow, really are going to have an interesting back nine. It will be good television.

I've gotten so used to Kevin playing like this that it's -- it's expected. I actually think that makes it harder for him. And it's impressive that he keeps doing it because it gets to the point where you expect it out of him. I saw -- he actually was making the turn when I was teeing off basically on 1 and I saw he already made three or four birdies. He's had a great year and it wouldn't surprise me if he has a really good day tomorrow.

Q. That would be a good breakthrough win for him, wouldn't it?

PAUL GOYDOS: Yeah, I think we -- I think that's probably -- why he hasn't won a golf tournament is one of the great, like who built the pyramids and Stonehenge kind of thing. Yeah, he's going to -- once he wins one, he's going to win a whole bunch. Hopefully it will be the team event because we're partners.

Q. So you are surprised that he hasn't won?

PAUL GOYDOS: Stunned. I think it's stunning. I play 15 or 20 practice rounds a year with Kevin, I play with him in the team event. I haven't been paired with him much the last couple years. No, I think he's a -- he's a -- he will be a perennial top-5 in this event. I think it's the

second year in a row he's been in the top-5 and it wouldn't stun me if he does this the next five or six years, too. He works hard, he's in good shape, he's doing everything to be healthy, he hits the ball a long ways, he hits the ball really straight.

I remember the thing that stunned me about -- again, he's my friend and I've spent so much time with him that sometimes I take a little bit for granted in his game, I was looking on Twitter and halfway through the year he led the Tour in scrambling. Oh, my God, scrambling on the Tour means we're all playing for second because he hits it that good, and if your short game's that good, wow. That surprised me that a guy who can hit it that good, his short game can be that good. Usually when you don't -- when you hit a lot of greens, you generally -- short game struggles because you don't chip much. Not like me who's hitting 10 greens a round, I'm chipping eight times. I'm used to missing greens. He's not. He's going to win, might be tomorrow, but when he wins, I think everybody else better watch out because I think he's going to win a lot.

Q. When you're in the hunt, you're tough to beat, too.

PAUL GOYDOS: It's been funny how that's worked -- it's worked out. We'll see. Mathematically, I think most people say there aren't enough outcomes to really see a trend yet, but I've been happy with the way I've played when I've had a chance. Things have worked out. And Jamie, we talk a lot about these things. I don't necessarily hit a lot of balls with Jamie, it's more conversational and about slowing down and staying in the present and doing all those things. And it's all cliché-ish but it works, and clichés are clichés for a reason.