

**ROUND 1 INTERVIEW**  
**October 10, 2019**



**TALOR GOOCH (-8)**

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**Q. Good start, 10 birdies on the day, a couple bogeys, but all in all you've got to be really happy.**

**TALOR GOOCH:** Yeah, anytime double digit birdies, that's a good day.

**Q. With this wind, too, because it picked up at the end. I thought the birdie at 18 was really well done, especially after putting it in the fairway bunker.**

**TALOR GOOCH:** Yeah, for sure. You always like to be in the fairway there so when you're in the bunker, you're hoping to hit the green. I hit a good shot and made a good putt, so that's a bonus there.

**Q. Tell us about the long putt you hit at nine, 63 feet. You don't expect those to go in too often.**

**TALOR GOOCH:** No. Ironically enough, yesterday in the pro-am that was my last hole, I made about a 65-footer as well. So there's something about the 65-footers on that hole.

**Q. All in all, 156 feet of putts hit today, so the putter obviously feels pretty good in your hands?**

**TALOR GOOCH:** Yeah, I'm just trying to keep up with Kevin Na, if I can get to that 500 feet or whatever he made. No, it feels good and hopefully we keep it rolling.

**Q. Talor, 8-under 64, you're tied for the lead. If we can just get an opening comment on the round?**

**TALOR GOOCH:** Like I said, anytime you have 10 birdies, double digit birdies, you're doing something right. So I drove it well, got the ball in the fairway, hit a lot of good iron shots and was able to make a few putts, so it was a fun day.

**Q. When was the last time you made 10 birdies in a row?**

**TALOR GOOCH:** That's a good question. You should probably remember those because it doesn't happen often. I honestly can't remember, it's been a while. I know I shot 64 my rookie year in Vegas. I think I made around 10 birdies, but that's probably the closest.

**Q. You seemed to kind of turn it on around the eighth hole, I think that's when the hot stretch came in. Was there something you just kind of felt at that point?**

**TALOR GOOCH:** No. I actually missed a couple putts early in the round and I just happened to keep hitting them close and keep making putts. This game, there's ebbs and flows. When you get hot, you've got to stay on the train. So I was able to get on the train and stay on it.

**Q. Was the key, was that putt at the ninth, was that kind of like --**

**TALOR GOOCH:** That always propels you a little bit. Momentum in golf is like in any sport, so that helped get some momentum going. Actually made another bogey after that, but bounced back with a quick birdie after making another bogey. Yeah, that's always a momentum swinger.

**Q. You mentioned driving. Was there any key to practice this week or going into the round where you knew you could roll one out there?**

**TALOR GOOCH:** Yeah, you know, the last few weeks I've been close. I've just needed to get my driver going a little bit more. For me, if I can get the ball in the fairway, it sounds simple but if I can get the ball in the fairway, I'm going to do pretty good. Last few weeks I've kind of been grinding a little bit just because I haven't been hitting fairways. I've had a good couple weeks of practice. My coach came last week and we worked on some stuff. There was bits and pieces last week where I was close to putting it together, so it kind of came to fruition today.

**Q. I think if you break Kevin Na's record (inaudible)?**

**TALOR GOOCH:** I was going to say, if I can putt it half as good as he did any week, I'll be happy.

**Q. A lot has been said of this field, it's only got two top-50 players, but for most of the guys out here on Tour these are big weeks because these are weeks where if you play pretty well, you can contend. Is that kind of your mindset?**

**TALOR GOOCH:** Yeah. I mean, so in 2017 I tried to Monday qualify for this tournament. Two years ago I would have killed to be in this tournament. When people start talking about the field, there's not top players in the world and everything, that's just something, no offense, for media to talk about. It's just a talking point. There's still some of the best players in the world are here. You can't just go and shoot a couple rounds in the 60s and think you're going to go win this thing. Anytime you're playing a PGA tournament, you have an opportunity.

**Q. Have you looked at the weather forecast for tomorrow?**

**TALOR GOOCH:** I know my dad said back home in Oklahoma it's going to be like --

**Q. Twenty-five with gusts?**

**TALOR GOOCH:** Yeah, yeah, and it's going to be kind of cold here, or cooler on the weekend. Yeah, I saw there's a little bit of weather coming.

**Q. You obviously embraced the wind growing up?**

**TALOR GOOCH:** Yeah, I did. The windier, the better for me. That's comfort.

**Q. Next year the tournament's going to be mostly kind of close to downtown, center of Houston, Memorial Park. Would that be a big consideration if you're going to play this tournament next year that it's going to a new facility?**

**TALOR GOOCH:** I love Houston. I'll play this tournament as long as I'm able to. I'll just be sure to stay really close there so I don't have to deal with the Houston traffic. The Oklahoma traffic's a little bit different than around here.