

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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RETIEF GOOSEN (-4)

Q. Retief, in at 4 today. Your thoughts on the first round?

RETIEF GOOSEN: Started off very nicely and through six holes I was playing pretty solid, then I started hitting a lot of bad shots. Didn't really play all that well really. Managed to get a good finish to keep the round together. One side was pretty rough. I missed a lot of greens and didn't really do anything good.

Q. How did it play different in these conditions versus a couple years ago when it might have been a little bit cooler?

RETIEF GOOSEN: Last time there wasn't much roll on the fairways either. It was wet and the ball wasn't rolling. There's some holes out there that are playing much shorter now than it did last year, but it also makes it more tricky to hit the fairways because fairways get smaller.

I must say today they had a lot of really good pin placements out there, some really tough ones. If you miss it on the wrong side of the green, you have no chance of getting it up and down, so the course was playing very tricky.

Q. And what do you take from your experience two years ago? You come in here with an abundance of confidence because you like the course?

RETIEF GOOSEN: Yeah, I like the course. I like the look of it and the feel of it and the speed of the greens. I've just got to maybe hit it a little better in the next couple of days. Today was, like I said, rough, but I managed to make eagle on 16 and birdie 18. Made a monster putt on 18. You know, one shot behind. I'm very happy where I ended up with two rounds to go. Looking forward to seeing where we can be on Sunday.