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MATT GOGEL

Q. Talk about your round today.

MATT GOGEL: Well, it was tough because of 20-mile-an-hour winds, and it was a different golf course coming from the northwest. I hung in there. I didn't play very good. I haven't hit the ball very well the last two days, so I've putted great. Hopefully I can keep putting well and hit the irons a little better. Anything under par today is a good score.

Q. You moved up the leaderboard just shooting under par on a day like this. You put a ball in the water on 14, right?

MATT GOGEL: Yeah, I just didn't catch a 6-iron just to kind of get to the top of the ridge. That's just a tough green. Didn't hit it very well, and the wind kind of knocked it down, and then I hit a great iron, wedge shot from my drop and made about a 12-footer for a 4. Felt like I saved one there for sure.

Q. As long as you can limit the damage --

MATT GOGEL: That's right. Definitely limit the damage. 18, I thought I hit a pretty good shot, but it didn't carry again. Maybe the air is just a little too cold. Tomorrow is supposed to be great, so if I can hit the irons well, give myself 10 or 12 really good looks, hopefully I'll have a good shot to win. But Steven is way up there now, 10 or 11-under.

Q. He's going to have to fall down a little bit --

MATT GOGEL: Yeah, but he hasn't shown any signs of that the last two years. He's been playing great golf, incredible golf, and obviously the story with Sam being from here and not being with us anymore, it's kind of almost meant to be.

Q. Overall, do you like where you're at?

MATT GOGEL: Oh, yeah. Gosh, you'd rather be in the last group or two, and I think I'll be right there. Again, if I hit the irons well and it's going to be beautiful tomorrow, give myself some really good looks, and I haven't been in this position forever, so this is good for me. I'm just kind of patiently getting better each week. It's my second year really out here, so I just need rounds like tomorrow to help develop.

