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Omaha Country Club

## Retief Goosen

### Quick Quotes

THE MODERATOR: 9-under 69 today, 4-under for the championship. Came up a little bit short, but you fought today and had a good round. Just sum up what today's round was.

RETIEF GOOSEN: Yeah, I didn't hit the ball as good as yesterday, but I scrambled well but I still made a few bad bogeys out there.

But I struggled with my swing the last few weeks, and the beginning of the week I was actually quite depressed, you know? What am I going to do, I don't even know if it's worth playing and, you know, to come out a tie for second is pretty good.

I scrambled well. I chopped a lot of grass out there and managed to get it done. But Jim played solid all week.

#### **Q. Sum up the entire week for us here with a runner-up finish.**

RETIEF GOOSEN: Yeah, it's been a great week. It's been a tough walk, that's for sure. I'm looking forward to a flat golf course, that's for sure.

Off to the U.K. next week and then the Senior British, Sunnydale. I lived in that area for 18 years, so I know the course fairly well, so I'm looking forward to getting back there.

#### **Q. There was a moment there where Jim got out of the blocks slow, where he had the bogey, double bogey. Were you aware of it?**

RETIEF GOOSEN: Yeah, I did finally see it. On the 7th hole I saw a scoreboard and saw that he was 3-over and I thought to myself, you know, if I can get it going a little bit, who knows?

But then I proceed to bogey the next. So hit a terrible shot in there, my swing was just not there. I hit a few bad shots,



and like 17, I had a perfect yardage and I chunk it 40 feet short of the hole.

So it was -- it was a good week. Overall I would say the way I felt early in the week I would have taken second, but it would have been nice to have been in a little closer coming down the last.

#### **Q. Still only a couple strokes behind coming down the stretch. What was in your mind at that point? Were you trying to push it a little more?**

RETIEF GOOSEN: Yeah, I mean, 10 is the hardest hole on the golf course. Made bogey there. I made a good birdie on 12. Then I thought the next hole I can hit a 3-wood on the green and I healed it short and then chunked the chip, and so the momentum was sort of lost there.

Ended up making a great birdie on 16, but Jim behind us played solid and got it back.

#### **Q. What were your impressions of the course and how did you think the course held up this week?**

RETIEF GOOSEN: Yeah, I mean like I say, it's a tough walk. We're lucky it was a little cooler this weekend. But you know, it's a U.S. Open course setup. The rough's 4-, 5-, 6-inches deep, and I've had plenty of that this week. And the greens are tricky. Today the pins were as tough as they can be, I think, and the scores showed it. It wasn't easy and we had a bit of breeze.

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