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#### RangeGoats GC Matt Wolff Thomas Pieters

**Press Conference** 

THE MODERATOR: Let's welcome Matthew Wolff and Thomas Pieters, both from RangeGoats GC. You guys are both tied for second at 9-under. Tell us a little bit about your round.

MATT WOLFF: Yeah, I got off to a good start, making some putts. I just kind of gave myself a lot of opportunities. But it was fun. We had a good group out there. We all kind of played decent. Kind of just fed off of each other. Really solid, so hopefully I can do that tomorrow.

THOMAS PIETERS: Same. Tee to green, I was really good today. Overall very happy. I felt like I missed a lot of opportunities, so hopefully do the same tomorrow and make them.

Q. Matt, I feel like I've seen more of you this year. Can you tell us a little bit about the momentum that you've had this year and how well you're playing?

MATT WOLFF: Yeah. It's golf. Anything can happen. I think that everyone goes through times where they might not feel like their game is where they want it to be, and right now I feel like it's kind of clicking and coming into place a little bit. I'm working really hard. I've never not worked hard, so I've just got to trust what I'm doing and keep it rolling. But yeah, definitely I'm enjoying my team, and it's cool to see Thomas and some of us up there and stuff.

It's nice to be contending for team championships as well as individual.

Q. You guys are only one shot off of Smash and it's very volatile with all four scores counting. How much would a team win mean to you?

THOMAS PIETERS: It would be nice to go back-to-back here, different team. We haven't won this year, so hopefully we can get it done here.



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MATT WOLFF: Yeah, it would mean a lot. I think we all want it, but we also all know if we take care of what we do individually, then that'll take care of the team and stuff. At the end of the day, it's hard for four scores to be put together. It's definitely not an easy task, but if we get it done, like Gooch said, you can't take it for granted.

Yeah, just going out, looking to have a good day, and we'll see what happens.

Q. It's a very tight leaderboard. There's a lot of people at 9-under, 8-under, and obviously Brooks has been on a little bit of a tear. He's par or better for the last 22 holes. Do you guys feel like Brooks is gettable, and if so, what do you have to do to catch him?

THOMAS PIETERS: I have to make every putt I look at, basically. Brooks was faultless today. I assume he's going to do the same tomorrow, and it's going to take a very low one from those of us behind him to win.

MATT WOLFF: Yeah, I just pretty much do what I did today. I got off to a hot start. I kind of cooled off at the end. But he's comfortable being in the lead. He's playing good. I think this golf course actually suits him really well. I'll do what I can control, and other than that, just see what happens.

Q. Thomas, you were bogey free for 35 holes. What happened there on that tee shot?

THOMAS PIETERS: I hit it left in the water. I just wasn't focused. That's all.

Q. Do you think it's just been a long day --

THOMAS PIETERS: Yeah, probably a long day.

MATT WOLFF: We're also allowed to hit bad shots.

THOMAS PIETERS: I know, but I didn't hit many today, and I just wasn't focused. Usually I'll focus on a really tiny spot out there, and I didn't, and I just hit it and it went left. It was just stupid.

Q. Matt, I don't think you're playing with Brooks

.. when all is said, we're done.

tomorrow. As he reminded me, you guys did play together last week, but obviously it wasn't for the tournament. Would you like to have played with him in that final group, kind of go with him eye to eye, or does it matter to you?

MATT WOLFF: I don't think it really matters. I think I'm out there focusing on myself, trying to play the best that I can play, and I'm not worried about what other people are doing. Every single tournament, every single round, I just go out there and give it my best, and that's all I can really do. Like I said, I can't control what other people are doing. So why focus on him.

## Q. Where would you rate your confidence level right now compared to just the last few years?

MATT WOLFF: Yeah, much higher.

THOMAS PIETERS: Out of 10, just give a score.

MATT WOLFF: 8.

# Q. Obviously you got up this morning expecting to tee off at a certain point, then that gets pushed back. Some guys read, some guys watch the basketball, hockey. What do you get up to?

THOMAS PIETERS: Adam stayed in the Sofitel, so I just went and took a nap in his bed.

MATT WOLFF: Yeah, I just kind of hung out here. I was in player dining. My brother is here this week, so it was nice to get to spend some time with him. He's obviously out watching me, but being able to talk to him and stuff -- he lives in Dallas, I live in Florida. Yeah, just kind of caught up with him a lot, talked with Mick, my caddie, and a few of the other guys. The time passed pretty quickly, to be honest.

## Q. Is it hard to flip the switch or is it something that you're used to?

MATT WOLFF: I mean, I wouldn't say hard, but when you're sitting there for that long, I think it's important to kind of like not focus on the golf or just kind of put your mind at ease and stuff, and then when you're out there, that's when you're going to focus. No, I think that we're all here for a reason, and we're all really competitive. Once the lights are on, I think we all kind of lock in and focus and stuff.

When it's go time, you've got to lock in.

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