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DAVIS LOVE III

Q. Davis, how much have conditions changed from yesterday afternoon to this morning and what challenges did that present?

DAVIS LOVE III: Well, it changed yesterday. Right when we were finishing the wind switched around. 16, 17, it's just gusting the whole time we were playing. It's hard to hit it close. It's a hard golf course, and the wind made it even harder, and you saw not a whole lot of guys putting for birdies.

Q. What do you take from this week, Davis? A lot has happened this year. What do you take?

DAVIS LOVE III: I take that I played some good golf, and if it wasn't for 18, I'd probably win the tournament. I parred it all four days. If I drive it in the fairway there four times, I'd have probably won easily.

17 I missed twice, and of course yesterday missing a bunch of fairways, you know, a lot of guys were missing fairways but I was missing them and not getting lies and trying to make bogeys. You just can't do that. You've got to be steady and I wasn't very steady.

Q. Was it a rhythm thing with your tee ball?

DAVIS LOVE III: You know, I was driving it good and I was trying to do things with it to try to keep it in the fairway, and I think that was the difference. The days before I was just hitting it straight, you know, but with that gusting wind like on 18, you try to get it down the left and turn it over a little bit and you get a big gust and don't turn it over, it goes in the bunker. I just didn't shape the ball real well off the tee like I wanted to.

Q. You've played in so many majors now. Is the pressure still there? Is it

something you absolutely feel, and is there any way to describe what that's like?

DAVIS LOVE III: No, you can't describe it. I mean, the most nervous I was was over the one-foot putts to tap them in. When it gets down to closer to the hole you get more nervous. You saw a lot of guys miss putts, and the greens were fast, and yesterday they were fast and hard and bumpy.

The nerves are there. That's why we don't hit every shot perfect in every tournament. It's fun, too.

Q. You mentioned your troubles on 18. How much were other guys relying on 18, knowing that maybe that was a short birdie, particularly Phil after he hits that bogey coming in knowing if I birdie here, that's it. I mean, how much were guys relying on that?

DAVIS LOVE III: Well, today was hard because Phil had a great drive and a great 3-wood and didn't get there. It was not playing the way it played, driver, 8-iron for Tiger or driver, 6-iron for Daly. It wasn't playing like that. We knew going out.

15 was a big hole for me. If I birdied it, I could relax a little bit and not have to rely as much on 17 and 18.

They played very difficult coming in. I mean, you had to kill it off of 17 just to be able to get your short club into the green after your third shot. You saw Phil hit two good ones and he still had a long third one.

Q. What did you think of Phil's pitch shot?

DAVIS LOVE III: It was very good, just what he needed. Thank you.

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