



Quotes from Friday's Second Round August 18, 2006

88th PGA Championship – Medinah Country Club

Craig Thomas (2-under-par (70) to move to 2-over-par - 146)

(on his round) "I hit a few more fairways and a few more greens today. I left one or two short today, but I played pretty well. Pretty happy with the round."

(on preparing for the round) "We didn't really hit any balls last night, but we putted for a while. I will keep at it and hopefully play better next week. It was a good experience today. It was nice coming to 18 being 4-under on the back. I'm going to keep playing, get into better shape, and hit the ground running."

Ron Philo Jr. (1-over-par (73) to move to 11-over-par - 155)

(on his experience) "How could you beat teeing off at the PGA Championship? People pay to go to fantasy camp and I get to walk around with them. I'm not going to be miserable after my round. If I could have made a couple more birdies, maybe I could have made three in a row. If lightning struck, I could have made another three in a row and I would have been coming down the stretch with a chance."

Jerry Haas (7-over-par (79) to move to 9-over-par – 153)

(on playing at the PGA Championship) "I'm glad it's over. I'm just a little out of my element. There is no question about that. It was going pretty well and I thought maybe I could have made a few more birdies. I had a couple bad breaks out there today. I'd much rather enjoy the game, I'm just not good enough."

(on playing with his brother Jay Haas) "It was awesome. At one point I was 1-under and he was 2-over but he ended up beating me and picking up 13 shots on 12 holes. It was great playing with him. He should make the cut."

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Chip Sullivan (Even-par (72) to move to 7-over-par – 151)

(on his round on Friday) "I feel like I hit it almost as good as I did yesterday. I just putted horribly yesterday and made two bad swings that made me double-bogey those holes. A few years ago I hit the ball worse at Whistling Straits and finished 31st, so it just comes down to putting and I just putted horribly until the last few holes."

(on his PGA Championship experience) "It was a real treat to be out here with the guys. It always is. I feel like my game can keep up with them, I just had one bad nine holes yesterday and that did me in for the week."

Jeffrey Cranford (3-over-par (75) to move to 8-over-par – 152)

(on his round on Friday) "Just a couple really bad holes. I made a double on the first hole. I doubled 16. I played pretty quality overall, though, other than a couple of doubles and a couple of miscues coming in."

(on his PGA Championship experience) "I think for us to be here coming out of the shops and to play in this kind of environment is a little crazy, especially with it being the first time for me. It was a great experience."

Lee Rinker (3-over-par (75) to move to 3-over-par – 147)

(on playing in the PGA Championship) "Anytime you get to play with players at this skill level you are always learning. The guys are a lot longer than when I was playing full time. You still have to put it in the fairway. I get to play some practice rounds, and it was neat to play with player like that."

(on his game) "Obviously I would have liked to have done better than I did today, but it is difficult when you are not out here week in and week out. If you miss a shot or two, it makes a big difference."

Chris Wiemers (4-over-par (76) to move 5-over-par – 149)

(on today's round) "It was a struggle. I didn't make very many putts, and I wasn't hitting a lot of good shots. I made a couple of good birdies coming in to make it respectable, but I had higher hopes for myself. I didn't put it in the fairway enough. Yesterday when I put it in the fairway, I took advantage. Today, I just didn't take advantage enough. I just have some work to do."

(on if his play was aggressive today) "To be aggressive you have to feel like you can hit a golf shot. It's not that I wasn't trying to get the ball close or to get a rhythm going, it just never really materialized."

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Chris Wiemers (cont.)

(on being at the PGA Championship) "I really enjoyed myself. This is a beautiful golf course, and I had a good time. The course is in perfect shape and the weather is beautiful."

Kelly Mitchum (7-over-par (79) to move to 6-over-par – 150)

(on his round) "I ended up shooting a 79 today. I kind of got off to a little shaky start. I made a double bogey on No. 17, which was my front nine, and I just couldn't get it turned around from there. I would have liked to play better after playing strong yesterday."

(on difference between yesterday's round and today's) "You have to execute the shots and I didn't quite do that today. I made one bad swing on No. 17 that if I would have made a par there, who knows how the rest of my round would have gone? I made a birdie on No. 14 to get it back to even-par for the tournament and felt good again - but let it slip away again."

(on playing in the PGA Championship) "It was a great opportunity competing in the PGA Championship. I enjoyed this year more than last year mainly because of the golf course and the way it was set up."

Barry Evans (7-over-par (79) to move to 16-over-par – 160)

(on his play) "I didn't have it this week. I triple bogeyed the first hole so that was a difficult way to get my round started. I birdied No. 9 and was still 3-over for the tournament and then I made two bogeys on the back nine. I then was on No. 17 and at that point it really didn't matter and so I said, 'OK, here is a crowd pleaser.' I went directly for the flag and I hit it in the water and made a double bogey."

(on his PGA Championship experience) "I have had a great time. It was cool playing in my second major championship. I wasn't even nervous this week, I just didn't have it and if you are off a little on a championship course like Medinah then you are going to get killed."

Alan Schulte (5-over-par (77) to move to 8-over-par – 152)

(on if he enjoyed his PGA Championship experience) "Absolutely! Every minute of it! Even though I played poorly, maybe I got a chance to enjoy it even more because I got to look around see more and notice the surroundings, which was very fun."

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Mark Brown (5-over-par (77) to move to 13-over-par – 157)

(on his thoughts are two rounds of play) “I know what I have to work on, but it is hard to work on it during the PGA Championship.”

(on what he will take from his PGA Championship experience) “I won't be so afraid to hit it out of the fairway. I think half the battle out here is just trying to stare at it too much, trying to get it in the fairway, because you know if you hit it in the rough you are going to either be laying up or you are going to get lucky.”

(on his PGA Championship experience) “It's a great experience. The people out here are all good, rooting me on. You feel like your right in the mix, rubbing shoulders with the big boys is nice.”

John Aber (1-over-par (73) to move to 7-over-par-151)

(on his round) “I felt more comfortable today and I played a little bit better. I would have liked to make a few more putts but I had fun. I had a great time.”

(on his week at the PGA Championship) “It's been a fun experience and we get treated great. It's fun to be one of these guys for a week. It's an honor for me and I know my members are proud to have me play.”

Steve Schneider (7-over par (79) to move to 13-over-par-157)

(on his PGA Championship week) “The experience is great. It's always fun to play in the PGA Championship and a major. I didn't have it today I guess.”

(on the rain at the end of round two) “We couldn't see where we were hitting it. It was difficult towards the end. But sometimes, that's what you get when you go off last.”

Jim Kane (1-under-par (71) to move to 2-under-par-142)

(on today's round) “It was obviously a great round. I had periods there where I had some really great up and downs. It was overall, a great round of golf. I made a great save from the greenside collection area on 18 for par. There are always places where you can improve in a round, but I played a really great round, and I am satisfied.”

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Jim Kane (cont.)

(on making the cut) "I am really excited to make the cut. Being that I am a club professional, and do not play very much competitive golf, especially at this level, I am very excited about it. On the weekend, I hope to play as well as I can possibly play, just like the last two days. If I can hit some good shots, and make some good putts, we will see what happens."

(on playing in the PGA Championship) "It is an honor just to be one of the 20 club professional to qualify for this tournament. Playing well and having positive things happen from playing well is just a by-product of playing some good golf."

(on the course) "I came to the course with my friend, about a month ago, and Mike Scully let us play for a couple of days. I just had great vibes about this golf course because it reminded me a lot about the Olympic Club in San Francisco, where I grew up. Obviously this is a longer golf course but the whole atmosphere reminded me of the Olympic Club, and I enjoy it."

Mike Small (1-over-par 73 to move to 1-over-par – 145)

(on his round) "I came out and hit it really well starting off but my putter wore me out the whole week. It is frustrating because I had a lot of good chances with birdies and didn't make many and then I made a good one at No. 16, and then I was back to not playing so well the next three or so holes. I bogeyed four out of five holes."

(on the highlight of his round) "I tried to go for No. 5 in two and hit it in the bunker and made it for eagle and that turned things around. Then, I made really good pars at Nos. 6, 7. Then, I birdied No. 8 and just missed a 20-foot uphill putt at No. 9."

(on if the course played different today) "I don't think the course played much different today. It was firm early and began to soften up towards the end of the round. It might have played a little longer in some instances. I struggled on Nos. 2, 3, 4 I think just because I got tired."

Don Yrene (Even par (72) to move to 1-under-par – 143)

(on his round today) "It was an up and down round. I started off really good on No. 1 by draining a 15-foot putt for birdie. The highlight of the round was on No. 14 when I hit a decent drive left but it stayed in the heavy rough. I just chopped it out with a 7-iron and then I hit a 5-iron from 190 yards and knocked it in for eagle. I was then able to settle down and get my confidence going and that put me to 1-under. Going into that hole, I was 1-over and I knew I was close to the cut."

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Don Yrene (cont.)

(on trying to make the cut) On No. 17, it was raining pretty hard and starting to get dark out. I hit a solid 5-iron right in the middle of the green and had a 20-footer for birdie and just left it on the low side.

(On making the cut) "It feels great – awesome. Obviously it was the goal to make it to the weekend and to play as well as I can but to actually have it as a reality that I am going to be playing the next two days is great. "

Sam Arnold (Shot 12-over-par (84) to move to 18-over-par – 162)

(on his round) "I started out with a double bogey and from there the challenge for me was the back nine with the par 3s because they were difficult for me. It was the challenge of the shot as far as hitting it over the water and especially with the galleries. The fans were excellent this week. I kind of loosened up and played better on the front nine (his back nine)."

(on if there were any turning points on his round) "On No. 14, my diver landed on a twig and if I moved the twig the ball would have moved so I had to hit the shot. On the very next shot, I hit the ball in a garbage can and ended up making a triple bogey there. It was a really bad hole for me.

(on his PGA Championship experience) "It was a great experience this past week. I played with the best in the world. It was awesome playing with Billy Mayfair. I am very thankful that I am part of an Association that allows the club professionals to come out and compete and I think that I gained a lot of experience this year. I wish that I would have played a little bit better, but the first year in the PGA Championship, I am pleased. Hopefully I can make it here again next year!"