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Oak Tree Golf Course

Hole #	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Out	Total
Yardage	437	387	592	206	590	370	440	165	411	3,598	388	465	471	171	439	434	528	175	433	3,504	7,102
Par	4	4	5	3	5	4	4	3	4	36	4	4	4	3	4	4	5	3	4	35	71

QUICK QUOTES FROM:

**MARK HAYES
TOM KITE
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CRAIG STADLER
CURTIS STRANGE**

MARK HAYES

MARK HAYES: I hit it off the fairway and I did that two or three times and well on my second shot on 16 I hit the cart path and it went almost in the water over at 16th green. I didn't have much.

But I made two double bogeys on that front or back side. And over here on number, the 18th hole here, I had, I missed it just a little bit to the, you know, probably six steps off the fairway and usually you can at least get it to the front of the green. And it was right behind a tree, unplayable lie, so I just didn't -- every time I hit it bad it turned out really awful. So.

But I actually hit it pretty solid. I'm afraid to admit that, to shoot 76, so that was just kind of a very frustrating day and it was just a depleting day, it was so hot.

I played solid. I shot 1-under on the front and it could have been more. I mean I'm not too disappointed, but when I play that bad or score that bad on the back side, it just, you know, that's my side. I like that side.

Q. That's the side you redesigned. You need to redesign it?

MARK HAYES: I know. We're going to have to redesign it again.

Q. Can you, do you have a 60 something in you?

MARK HAYES: I hope so. I want to make sure I make the cut.

Q. So nerves weren't a factor at all today?

MARK HAYES: Well, I was, you know, I had almost a year's worth of rust, competitive rust, because I hadn't played in almost a year in the tournament. So I didn't know how to -- I was kind of discombobulated. I just didn't know -- I wasn't smooth with anything.

Q. Even on the front?

MARK HAYES: Well, swinging I was okay. But when we were getting yardage and we were trying to step all over ourselves reading putts, it just wasn't a smooth process. And most of it was, I was, you get kind of frantic. You can't do a thing, you can't do things real smooth and do them efficiently. It's kind of hard to explain, but it's just, you're just out of practice with the mundane stuff. Such as getting yardage and seeing what the front is and how much carry to the certain part of the green and it was just, it was work.

TOM KITE.

Q. How was your round today?

TOM KITE: I didn't play very well. I shot 3 over today. I need to play well tomorrow.

Q. Off of the golf subject, I hear you're a big Longhorn fan?

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TOM KITE: Um-hum.

Q. What do you think about their football team next season?

TOM KITE: I think they're going to be very good. I think we got some big shoes to fill with Vince Young leaving, but everybody else is coming back, so we should be pretty good.

Q. Did you go to the championship game last year?

TOM KITE: I did. It was great to watch.

LOREN ROBERTS.

Q. How was your round today? I know you had some trouble on one of the holes?

LOREN ROBERTS: Yeah, I scored well today. I hit the ball rather poorly. I don't think I drove it in the rough all day. I don't think I hit more than about three or four fairways off the tee and I was able to -- I made some good putts, my putter saved me today, I made a couple of good up-and-downs, and I made some birdies when I got it on the green. So I'm going to go try to pull another driver out of the trunk of my car and try it and see if it's any better.

Q. Are you using the one that you used today?

LOREN ROBERTS: No, I'm just trying to -- my driver I played with for years broke about three months ago and I'm trying to find another one. I haven't quite got there yet.

Q. You're trying to find the perfect fit?

LOREN ROBERTS: Yeah, right.

Q. Are there -- I know you're a favorite coming into this tournament. Can you talk a little bit about your expectations for this week?

LOREN ROBERTS: Well I want to go out there and shoot as low as I can. I got off to a good start the first nine today and then played 1-over from there on in. I could have shot a really low round today, if I would have just hit the ball a little better. So hopefully a good rotation, I like playing late on first day and then I got early tomorrow. So that should put me in good position. But obviously I'm here to try to win the golf tournament, but obviously so is everybody else.

Q. Do you think that the way your tee times are set up is going to be an advantage for you?

LOREN ROBERTS: Well, yeah. I like to go late/early. I think if you look at the stats at least on the **PGA TOUR** you find I think that the leader over 70 percent of the time comes out, after two days, comes out of the late/early rotation.

CRAIG STADLER.

Q. Congratulations on your round. A rough, shaky start, but you got it into red numbers at the end. What went right for you today on the golf course?

CRAIG STADLER: Well, I actually hit the ball well all day. I just didn't make many putts the back side. I had a lot of opportunities, finally made one on 7 coming in there. Made a good about 10-footer, 8-footer. But I played well today. Drove the ball good. Hit a lot of good iron shots. I didn't get many putts into the hole, but that's all right.

Q. Talking about that, when did you actually know that, hey, this is going to be my day. When it started to turn, you say, hey, I'm distinguishing going to put a low number on the board today, when did that come about to you?

CRAIG STADLER: Pretty much never. Getting off bogey, bogey. I made two bogeys and as I said, I just hit a lot of good shots and didn't, you know, 2-under is a good score for openers, it's not a great score, but considering the way I started, I'm very happy with it and I didn't think it was going to be my day, I just thought I was hitting the ball good enough during the week to get it back from the start and that's what happened.

Q. All golfers think that they could trim a couple shots here and there, was there any particular hole or shot that kind of stands out that you wish you had back?

CRAIG STADLER: Second shot on 1. On the first hole we played. The second shot on 10 we had a little mishap there. We had 20 yards off in yardage and hit a pretty good little shot in there and it was 20 yards over the green. So it was a quick bogey for no reason. But, you know, that happens every once in a while, not very often.

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CURTIS STRANGE

CURTIS STRANGE: The next three days are going to be a little different. You know, blowing and 15 to 30 winds and that type thing. Like it was on Tuesday. So if you're going to get ahead of the field and if you're going to win the golf tournament, you have to shoot a decent round today. It's going to be hard to come back the next three days.

Q. Can you comment more about how Jay's playing, since you've been splitting time between TV and golf?

CURTIS STRANGE: Who, me? I haven't done that in two and a half years TV. I've been playing solid for two years.

Q. Just getting back in the swing of things –

CURTIS STRANGE: Oh, that's way long gone. I've been in the swing of things, I just haven't played very well. And Jay's just playing so well, it's always nice to play with somebody who is swinging well, he's so confident in the way he prepares for this event. I'm worried about swing mechanics and things like that, and he's worrying about how he's going to play certain holes and really practicing on the golf course. Which is what you should do. So it's just nice to -- it kind of hopefully rubs off. But who knows, we'll find out. But it's nice to hang around somebody who was playing so well.

Q. He was in the media room talking about how earlier Tuesday how you and Mark Johnson and he couldn't name the fourth person in your group?

CURTIS STRANGE: Tom McKnight.

Q. He said you were out there playing, couldn't get anything going to the. Is it just, what's, you know, what does it take around Oak Tree?

CURTIS STRANGE: Well, it was also blowing 30 miles an hour on Tuesday. We were out there just looking at the golf course. And you have to play a practice round in those conditions or you would like to, because you know it's going to blow some time this week.

So you know what to expect and where to hit it on certain holes. I mean today we actually

were not quite sure where to hit a couple shots because it was so calm on certain holes. But it just kind of was relaxed and go play a practice round. We have done this a long time.

Q. Jay was talking about your competitiveness and ever since you exhaled in 1990, the three-peat was done on all that, just maybe you haven't inhaled or when was the last time you felt this good after around?

CURTIS STRANGE: Well, I shot a lot of good rounds. You know, after that I had a chance to win four or five times and I played a number of -- you know, I played through probably '98 or so full-time and then I did the TV and didn't play that much. But the last year and a half I shot a lot of good scores, I just haven't put very much together, but better some good scores than not. And just hopefully that I can shoot some good scores, put them back to back and then get some confidence. You just got to believe in yourself out there. And you can see the difference in Jay. I mean I see it so much in Jay. He's the flip side of the coin right now. And the way he goes about it, as I just said, his practice rounds and the way he goes about life right now. I mean he's not worried about playing well the next day. Where I'm hoping to find something. So hopefully it turns, hopefully it will get better, if it doesn't, I'll keep working at it.

Q. He thinks you beat yourself up sometimes too much.

CURTIS STRANGE: He does?

Q. Yeah.

CURTIS STRANGE: Well, that's your personality. I mean I guess you could say that about me since forever. I've always thought that that kind of got me to where I was. Wherever that was. I thought that was what got me to a certain point and got the maximum out of my game.

Did it ever hurt me? Probably. But did it help me, yes. Yes very much so. I would say the same thing about Jay. Sometimes I wanted to kick his ass and get him going. Isn't that right? So I think that he was always very, very good for me, even starting at Wake Forest and I think sometimes -- he won't ever admit it, but I think I was good for him too sometimes. I pissed him off once in a while. Sorry there. So we're kind of opposites almost in personalities. And it's been good for a lot of years.

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Q. Who won the horse game? Did you guys play horse?

CURTIS STRANGE: Yeah, you know, it's the 17 year old, he's got a little lift in his legs and he's doing all right. Kevin shot pretty well and Jay still has a good shot. And I've been a little rusty, so, but, anyway, I was worried about my right arm yesterday. I blamed it on -- the shots that I hit left yesterday was blamed on **Bob** Tway and the hoops.

Q. You can always kid **Bob that his son has one more USGA title than he does?**

CURTIS STRANGE: Oh, you should tell him that. He's a good kid. He's a wonderful player.

Q. After a solid first round of 2-under par, how do you put your chances going into the next three days?

CURTIS STRANGE: Well, it's a four day tournament and as we always say, it's a little bit cliché, but you can't win the event the first day, but you can certainly lose it. And what we mean by that is that a good solid round just keeps you in contention and able to win. But if you play a poor round it's going to be hard to come back, especially with the way the wind is supposed to blow the next three days. So it's always nice to start off well and get some confidence and feel good about it.

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