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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:

**LARRY NELSON  
BOB FORD  
RICK RHODEN  
MICKEY TETTLETON**

#### LARRY NELSON

**Q. First, tell me about your round today, how did you feel like you played?**

LARRY NELSON: I played better the last 12 holes than I did the first six.

So it ended up being pretty good today. So I was kind of happy with that.

**Q. What are some of the adjustments that you may feel that you may need to make in order to climb even higher on the leaderboard tomorrow?**

LARRY NELSON: I think I just have to hit the ball the way I did the last 12 holes. And putt a little better.

**Q. Any challenges out there that kind of surprised you today?**

LARRY NELSON: No, it was pretty much the way I thought it was going to be. The golf course is very difficult, you have to keep it in play and have to miss it in the right spots to have a chance to get it up-and-down. So it played pretty much the way I thought it would.

#### BOB FORD

**Q. First of all, Mr. Ford, your thoughts about your round today.**

BOB FORD: Well, disappointment. I could have saved a better score with some better putting, but at the end of the day I really drove it poorly.

**Q. I understand you're not only the head pro at one course, but at two courses that are world famous. Tell me, on a typical Thursday afternoon, if you weren't here today playing in the PGA tournament, what would you be doing at your normal job today?**

BOB FORD: Well, that's a good question. I would be teaching probably about this time of day.

**Q. So certainly a nice change on your part.**

BOB FORD: Yeah. Well, I enjoy that. But I enjoy this too. It's fun.

**Q. What are some things that you hope to fix and have ready to better yourself on the scoreboard tomorrow?**

BOB FORD: Well, I need to go fix my driver and then I need to figure out how to putt.

#### RICK RHODEN

**Q. Mr. Rhoden, this is your third PGA Championship, finishing the day at 1-over. You have to feel pretty good about the way you played today and what are your hopes for the**

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**rest of the tournament?**

RICK RHODEN: Well, I hope I play the rest as good as I played today. I should have shot about 4-under today. I played really good. I got careless on a couple, I let a couple get away and then just missed a couple real makeable putts like five or six feet. But anything around par is pretty good. This is a hard golf course.

**Q. You said that you felt like you could have finished in the red, what are some things that you will hope to do differently tomorrow to allow yourself to make even a better score?**

RICK RHODEN: Well, I think it always comes down to putting usually. If you – the better you putt, the better your score. You always feel like you should make more putts.

I hit a lot of greens in regulation, I was only in trouble maybe one time all day, once or twice, so on this course, that's good.

**Q. I would like to transition this over, you knew it would be coming, into baseball. First of all, the obvious question is your pairing with Mr. Tettleton. How did this relationship come about and tell us a little bit about it.**

RICK RHODEN: Well, I played against him near the end of my career, he's younger than I am. But we had the same baseball agent and that's how we met. And we basically have become friends through golf. So he lives out here and he's caddied for me a few times, and he's a member out here, and it makes it a lot more comfortable when you can stay at a home, instead of a hotel.

**Q. You mentioned a little bit that your careers overlapped slightly, what do you remember most about him as a baseball player with you on the mound trying to get him out?**

RICK RHODEN: Well, I didn't face him that much, you know, he had a lot of power and off me, better left-handed and most left-handers are low ball hitters, and he was no different. So I tried to keep it from being down low where he liked it.

**Q. Do you know at the time that he would be a good caddy later in life?**

RICK RHODEN: No, I was having a hard enough time trying to figure out how to get him out. But Mickey is, the caddieing part of this, he can help me, but I think it's more or less a friend thing,

we're out here having a good time and hopefully we'll play well.

**Q. I guess part of the caddy's main job not only to know the golf course, but to keep the golfer relaxed and focused, and you feel that your relationship with Mickey allows you to do that?**

RICK RHODEN: Well, it doesn't hurt anything, and he's too big to argue with, so, you know, I'm not going to be arguing with him. It's just like pitching, the catcher suggests the pitch, you have the final decision, same as golf. I'll ask him what he thinks and the final decision is mine. So if I do something wrong, I'm the one with the club, so I'm the one at fault.

MICKEY TETTLETON

**Q. Mr. Tettleton, this is kind of an interesting career transition for yourself. When were you first approached about the idea or for caddieing and what were your initial thoughts when you were asked about it?**

MICKEY TETTLETON: Well, I first went with Rick the first time he went to Q-School. And first of all I was honored that he would even consider me doing it and having enough respect for our friendship to do it. And I think more than anything that's just it, our friendship. I mean, he kind of knows if he gets upset he can bark at me and it's not going to bother me. But it's just nice to be out here with him. I don't do it a whole lot, but it's fun to be out here.

**Q. What about being a caddy has presented the most challenges for you? You're probably learning at it every day, every time you come out here. What challenges are you facing coming into that you weren't aware of initially?**

MICKEY TETTLETON: Well, I think that probably knowing what to say and when to say it has probably been the biggest thing. I think that if anything I may be a little bit passive, but as Rick said, it's basically, he's got the final decision, I do appreciate the fact that he trusts me enough for reads on putts and yardages and stuff like that, but it's basically the same thing. Pitcher/catcher relationship, it's his decision.

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**Q. You don't have any problems with being the most famous caddy out here?**

MICKEY TETTLETON: Well, I don't know about that.

**Q. It is your home course?**

MICKEY TETTLETON: Yeah, I'm a member here and it's really been fun to take this, to watch this whole thing come together and then to -- you don't really think about it when you're out there, but once it's kind of over with and you realize that you had the opportunity to be inside the ropes at a Major championship, that's pretty cool.

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