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Oak Tree Golf Club

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:

- TOM PURTZER**
- MARK HAYES**
- LOREN ROBERTS**
- GARY PLAYER**
- JAY OVERTON**

TOM PURTZER

Q. Tell me a little bit about your round today. You had to pose a pretty good score, to get right back in the mix of this thing.

TOM PURTZER: Yeah, I was surprised yesterday that the scores, I thought the scores would be higher than they were yesterday, but I guess there's a lot of good players here.

So I just kind of wanted to, I felt like teeing off this morning that my game's starting to come around, I'm starting to hit it a little better, so I thought if I could just get it back to even par, I would have been, you know, that's, I would like to be back, get back to even par. And I was fortunate enough, got a couple more there, so it's a good thing.

Q. Tell me a little bit about your round today. How did you play today?

TOM PURTZER: I played good. I hit the ball close a number of times. I made one log putt on the back side for a par. I hit it just over the green and hit a, hit one of those water, like a sprinkler head type thing. I hit a neat little pitch, and it was going to, it was going to be pretty good.

And it hits this sprinkler head thing and goes about 40 feet. And I made that putt for par. So that kind of helped my round out a lot.

But I hit the ball close, I had a number of opportunities for birdies and made a few of them. So I'm pretty pleased.

Q. Talk a little bit just about your position going into the weekend. You're in pretty good shape.

TOM PURTZER: Well, I don't like ever like to give Gil Morgan four shots or five shots, whatever it is, going to the last two rounds. But Peter Jacobsen, you know, they're really good players. So you never know what's going to happen. If I would happen to shoot a couple good rounds, it would be kind of a fun weekend. So, you know, you just try and play as good as you can. You can't really worry about anybody else. You just try and control your own score, your, what you can, you can only control what you do. So that's pretty much all I'll try and do.

MARK HAYES

Q. Oak Tree Gang, acquitting themselves pretty nicely out here, tell us about the philosophy of all you guys hanging at this club at Oak Tree here?

MARK HAYES: Well, I'm not sure who came up with the concept of the Oak Tree Gang. I guess it's an Oklahoma being kind of a western state, but, anyway, we have been around the same guys seems like they have been around forever. And that's what they started calling us. And someone kind of embellished it a little bit, we're really not like that. We don't wear cowboy hats

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and boots and that -- well sometimes boots, you know, because a lot of us went to Oklahoma State. But other than that, I'm not quite sure how that kind of evolved like it did.

Q. What drew all of you, world class golfers, to this particular golf course?

MARK HAYES: It was Oak Tree and *Ernie* Vossler and Joe, the founders of the golf course, they had a practice facility that was great and a golf course that we could practice on. And if you can play here, you can play anywhere. It has all the shots that you need. And they treated us great when we were on the **TOUR**. They had so many, Landmark had so many facilities all over the country that whenever we played in another tournament, you know, they would put us up and feed us and it was just like being home. And probably 10 or 15 tournaments each year.

So it was quite a family we had there.

LOREN ROBERTS

Q. How was today compared to yesterday?

LOREN ROBERTS: I'm really not playing very well. Just not -- just kind of not hitting the ball good enough to really do anything right now. And missed a few putts today, but made a couple. But we're still in it. So I think I'll be lucky if I'm only four or five back by the end of the day. So we'll see what happens.

Q. Any adjustments for the next two days?

LOREN ROBERTS: I don't know, I've been working on my swing for two and a half months and I still ain't playing any good. So we'll see what happens.

Q. Were there any highlights in your round?

LOREN ROBERTS: No, two birdies, two bogeys. It was just kind of a blah round. I'm not really hitting the ball good enough to really put a number up right now. So we'll go and see if we can get it changed around for tomorrow.

GARY PLAYER

Q. Overall impressions on the course after two rounds?

GARY PLAYER: You must say, I thought the golf course was a beautiful golf course. And everybody did a fantastic job of work here.

All the volunteers, you know, it's a great team event.

The course was in great condition. I just done like the tree on number 10 in the middle of the fairway. And the rocks in the middle of the fairway at about No. 16. I thought that other than that I thought the golf course was perfect.

Really a very fine test of golf and a successful **PGA**.

Q. Who do you see as maybe the guy to beat? Who does this course kind of set up for, as far as the way it's playing right now?

GARY PLAYER: Very different to say, but Gil Morgan is going to be very confident and living here and hitting the ball a long way is a big advantage.

Brad Bryant, you got Peter Jacobsen, you got a host of fellows in there. Anybody could come out and win. I'm not very good at picking the winners.

Q. How do you feel about the way you played though through two rounds?

GARY PLAYER: I played very poorly yesterday and I played very nicely today. So all in all -- but I enjoyed myself very much indeed.

Q. Is it too much of a stretch to say that you're kind of the founding father of golf fitness? You were kind of doing it before it was popular, yes?

GARY PLAYER: Well, I was being, I've been exercising since I was nine years of age, which is 61 years. And Frank Stranahan and I were the only two that were using weights back in the '50s. And I spoke to Yogi Berra the other day and he said, you know when you were doing all those weights I thought you were mad. We wouldn't even let our baseball team have a swim. And he says, I just couldn't believe it. He says, and today they are putting these bionic men in sports today. And unless you want to, you know, are the particular young guy, not this **TOUR**, but young guys, both men and women, unless you're on a weight training course, you're going to be left behind.

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Not only that, I think it's the eating. You take just in America alone, 55 percent of the population are obese and 24 percent of the youth are obese already. So the eating probably, I would say even more important and crucial to the body, even more so than exercise.

Q. There are a lot of amateurs out here watching you guys this week, saying how do they hit it so straight and far. A lot of it probably has to do with the weight lifting, also stretching. What difference, if an amateur were to get in that, we were yesterday over in the trailer with Paul, he was showing us some of the techniques. What difference is it going to make for them?

GARY PLAYER: Well, you must remember to start grown ups doing exercise is easier to get a camel through the eye of a needle than to get average everyday guys to exercise. Nobody wants to exercise. The human being basically is pretty lazy. They don't want to go to the gym. And it's a very difficult thing. But don't eliminate the eating. Because it's very sad when you see all these young people so obese. And the mother's are to blame. The mother's and the schools. The mother's, the schools and the hospitals. You go to hospital, they give you white bread, they give you bacon, they gave you sausage and all of the high animal fats. You just got to lay off those high animal fats. I mean, you should never be giving your children milk, in my opinion, that's just my opinion. I mean, you're weaned from milk as a baby. No animals drink milk after they're weaned. And if you read a book called The China Study, every American and every student at school should be made to read this book called The China Study. And that will change their entire lives. It will change the whole perception of 300 million people.

Q. What's kind of you're routine now day, how do you stay so limber, so loose.

GARY PLAYER: Well, first of all I try not eating animal fats. I'm not a martyr, I do it 75 percent. I don't eat any animal fat and I eat a lot of vegetables and fruit and avocados and a lot of roughage and do a lot of stretching. And I keep fit. I've always said that when I got to 50 I would try and lose one pound every year. I used to weigh 166, I'm at 140 now. So I haven't quite adhered to it, but I'm reasonably close.

Q. Do you think if some of the people followed the things you do as golfers they will be better players?

GARY PLAYER: I think golf is, golfers are very good. I think they're very fit. If you look at them they're out practicing in the morning, they go and play, some of them go to the gym. They all are working pretty hard. I think that golf is a much more of an is a severe exercise than people think. Yesterday I practiced and then played 18 holes and it was 96 degrees and I'm 70 years of age, and I went and hit balls when I was finished.

Q. A lot of amateurs won't do that.

GARY PLAYER: Well, that's they're choice. That's they're choice.

Q. You would recommend it. Something is better than nothing?

GARY PLAYER: You've got to -- more people are dying of obesity than all the wars of the world put together. There are probably 10,000 people a day, plus or minus, that die in the United States every day of obesity. Diabetes, heart attacks, cancer, something. And so the wars, very few people are killed in wars as compared to obesity.

Q. Like Tiger and Ernie and Luke Donald, all the great names that are in the game now, Mickelson, they all have these exercise routines, but they're almost like military secrets in that you don't know what they do. Do you wish that some of those guys would share their routines and that might spur other people to kind of take it on?

GARY PLAYER: No, not at all. Because there's really no secrets, I mean the knowledge is out there, it's been out there for a hundred years it's out there. I mean there's nothing new in the golf swing, there's new technology, but there's nothing new in the theory of the golf swing or exercising, I mean exercises that I was doing when I was nine we knew about all those things and that was about, you know, there are no secrets. It's a matter of getting off your butt and doing it. That's the tough thing. And really at schools it amazes me, everything is academics. Man, I tell you, without your health, those academics mean nothing. School should be teaching health and exercise and how to eat properly. But there's not a

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school in the United States, the greatest country in the world that's doing it. It's sad.

JAY OVERTON

Q. Obviously a lot of special memories coming back to a place that you led in the '88 PGA Championship, tell me a little bit about your feelings, did you have any recollections, reflections, as you were playing these two days?

JAY OVERTON: Well, yeah, I did. Obviously, no one's ever going to forget the hole-in-one that Azinger made on number four. There were a couple holes that they changed a little bit, some of the greens have been changed, but overall, it plays and it looks and feels so much the same. Hey, the biggest difference this year is the overseeding where the green or the fairways are so thick and soft and the ball's not going as far. So it's playing pretty long. Longer than I remembered it. Of course I'm a little older.

Q. In the 17 years or 18 years since that time your reflection of your game today, obviously not where you would have liked it to have been, but still it's good to be out here competing at this event at a place that has special memories for you.

JAY OVERTON: Yeah, I took, I played four years on the Senior Tour and I played a lot of Majors over my career and a lot of **TOUR** events. But I went back to work at Innisbrook last January to take over the resort and do what I've been doing for 29 years there and 35 total as a club professional. That's what I am, and that's what I'll always be about. And said that here in '88. But I took almost a year away from the game and I kind of wish I hadn't. I'm struggling a little bit. But you know what, to get back out here and see the guys and come back to Edmond, Oklahoma, it's just been a lot of fun. So my family and I have really enjoyed it. Having my son caddieing for me that's special, and my wife walked every painful step of the way watching that exhibition. But, no, it was good to be back.

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