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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 WATSON
 DARRELL KESTNER
 JOSE RIVERO
 BOB ACKERMAN
 DANNY EDWARDS
 DANA QUIGLEY**

TOM WATSON

Q. Overall, impressions today. How did you feel about your round?

TOM WATSON: Well, overall it was a pretty good day. I hit 16 out of 18 greens, so that was the good part of it. I had a couple three putts early on in the round and then I made a no-brainer birdie at 16. I knocked it in the water, I took my shoes off and hit it out of, I actually wasn't in the water but I was on the slope and I had to stand in the water and knocked it up on the green on 16 and then made about a 25 footer for birdie there. So I saved two shots there and that turned my round around.

Q. Did you know that there were snakes in there?

TOM WATSON: Well, I seen a few snakes.

Q. Were you scared?

TOM WATSON: No. The thing that, when I stepped in there, I did, this log just came right up like that. Just like right out of the water. So.

Q. How surprised with you with how you ended up there on 16?

TOM WATSON: I was very surprised, obviously when you hit, when I saw the ball hit the side of the retaining wall and then splash, I said, oh no, where am I going to lay it out. But I went up there and apparently it must have hit something and it kept up dry. So and I was, it wasn't that difficult a shot. I just had an awkward stance was all. I knocked to know the green and then made a putt for the birdie. So it went from a bogey to a birdie and instead of 3-over I was 1-over and I got it back to 1-under par and then hit a bad driver and bad second shot on the ninth hole and ended up making bogey there. And finished the round at even par. I made two good putts at 7 and 8. Made from about 25 feet at 7 and 35 feet from 8 for birdies. So I can't complain, even though I 3-putted a couple times early in the round. It all averaged out.

Q. What did you hit there at 16 that got you there and what did you hit to get out?

TOM WATSON: I hit a 4-wood out of the rough. My ego both got the best of me thinking I could hit a 4-wood and I didn't hit it -- I hit it actually pretty well on the club face, but it didn't get far enough. Then I hit a sand wedge out of the hazard there up on the green and made it from about 25 feet.

Q. Yesterday was your excellent adventure, what was that?

TOM WATSON: Well that was Tom's Very

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Excellent Adventure right there.

Q. (Inaudible.)

TOM WATSON: I could not, no. I had to jump up to see it and then I had a background, I had a mark in the back there I could hit it to. When the ball is above your feet with a sand wedge like this and you're aiming right there, you got to aim about right there. (Indicating) so I had to aim well right of where I was, where the flag stick was.

Q. Do you remember the last time you took your shoes off and?

TOM WATSON: And made a birdie? I can't. No. That's a stupid question, because my memory is about as good as it was, I could probably remember something yesterday, but that's about the best I can do.

Q. Can you comment on some of the names on the leaderboard. There seems to be some pretty significant golf names up there?

TOM WATSON: Well, there sure is. This golf course is a very difficult golf course and the cream rises to the top. The players that you would expect to be there are there and it's a ball-striker's golf course. The wind is difficult to judge, and there are a couple times today that the wind fooled me again. I got fooled out there twice today, one on 11 and another basically at number -- what was it? Didn't fool me at 15 today. I played a good shot at 15. It fooled me yesterday at 15.

Q. Do you see any underdogs sneaking through?

TOM WATSON: You never can tell, but you look at the leader board right now and most of the names you would expect to be there are there.

Q. The wind you just said it's a guessing game and it kicked up considerably and stayed up most of the afternoon. Are you getting more acclimated now?

TOM WATSON: Exactly. Just what I said. We were playing from -- you look at the flags right there. It's coming from the southeast, and yesterday it was actually a bit more out of the west and the Wednesday practice rounds was pretty much due south. But this is the wind we had on Tuesday. A strong wind on Tuesday from the southeast. So we're getting acclimated to it, and

it's, you know, once you give us a chance to play it a few times, we'll hone in and we'll zero in on it.

Q. And I guess the forecast is for these type of winds the rest of the weekend?

TOM WATSON: Well, it was not as hot today.

Q. Well, that was the benefit.

TOM WATSON: Well, yeah, it wasn't nearly as hot today as it was yesterday.

Q. It's not Scottish weather either?

TOM WATSON: I brought a couple sweaters just in case. But I don't think I'm going to have to use them this week.

DARRELL KESTNER.

Q. Take us through that back nine. It seems like you kind of had a wild ride there and especially after yesterday when it seemed pretty steady?

DARRELL KESTNER: Yeah, yesterday it was nine straight pars and then today it was, I was trying to have a good round and it was a roller coaster. I made a stupid bogey on 10 but then came back with a great birdie on 11.

And then on 12, 13, I got it in a down slope of the bunker, that par three and I'm looking right at the water and trying to figure out how I can get it out of the bunker and keep it short of the water. And I advanced it to where I had an uphill lie and then blasted out and happened to miss the putt. So I made a double there.

And then it felt like I really didn't hit a bad shot, just got a bad break there.

But then it came right back with a great birdie on the next hole and then a beautiful 8-iron that landed right in line with the pin about 10 feet short and rolled right in and made an eagle on 15. So that was wonderful to kind of get back from making that double bogey with out really a bad shot.

So you take the good with the bad and but it was exciting. It was good. Making that eagle out.

Q. How far out there were you?

DARRELL KESTNER: I was 150 yards and I hit an 8-iron right in the hole.

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Q. Tell me a little bit about the golf course and these conditions, has it been tough out there?

DARRELL KESTNER: The wind was tough to gauge today. So many missed greens because you're not pulling the right clubs, you're pulling too much club one time, not enough club on another time, and it's a test on your patience. So it's such a beautiful golf course, great conditions, a great Major championship test. But with the wind conditions swirling around it makes it even more difficult. So you got to be very, very patient out there. It's in great condition. You can make putts.

Q. Just give me a little bit of your thoughts going into the weekend now.

DARRELL KESTNER: My goal is to try to make the cut and make a good showing here. I'm a club pro. I been working, giving lessons, back there in New York. And it's been raining and cold and we haven't been playing that much golf and so but when I played, I played well. So I was hoping to make the cut here, make a good showing and now like last year, I made the cut and I finished okay. But I want to try to do, try to do a little bit better this year.

JOSE RIVERO

Q. Your overall thoughts. How did you play today?

JOSE RIVERO: I played very well today. Especially the putting today. My game is good, not fantastic, but good. Yesterday I played pretty good. But my putts was not, just not very good. So it was a very, very good round from this golf course. It's difficult.

Q. What do you think of your chances for the weekend? Do you like where you're at?

JOSE RIVERO: It's too long, it is my first time to play here and it's, I'm very happy to play. I don't know. Tomorrow, or the weekend, I play slow, slowly and I don't know.

Q. Is this overwhelming for you or is this pretty neat?

JOSE RIVERO: Okay. I'm very happy for the weather and the golf course. It's beautiful golf course. It's difficult, but it's beautiful. And for the

weekend, I am not too much see to the leader board. I play shot for shot and hole by hole and finish normal. Okay.

BOB ACKERMAN

Q. Played pretty consistent today and yesterday, so can you tell us about your round at all?

BOB ACKERMAN: Yeah, I hit the ball really well and I just had a bad putting day today. So I shot 3-over par.

Geez, I think I 3-putted one, two, I think I 3-putted three times on the back nine. And then I missed, I only missed one green in regulation on the back nine, you know. And I shot 3 over. So I just had one of those days when I just was, I missed a couple short putts early and then I the that kind of shakes your confidence.

Q. Was the wind a factor at all?

BOB ACKERMAN: It was hard to stay still over the putts. That was a factor. And then I, you know, I hit the ball really well, I just didn't score. And I did make a nice, I made about a six-footer on 16 and I made a nice par save on the first hole from about eight feet. I figured I worked on my putting the night before and I thought I had it down pretty good. But I just am tentative. Tentative with my putting and so I just, you know, I just had one ever those days. I'll do a lot better with it tomorrow.

Q. Do you feel confident about tomorrow?

BOB ACKERMAN: Yeah, I'm hitting the ball. When you're hitting the ball, you know, it opens up a lot of possibilities. So I hit a lot of greens, had a lot of birdie chances and so if I can just figure out my putting I can drop my score considerably so and the greens are nice. There's no excuse for not knocking them in.

DANNY EDWARDS

Q. What was the difference between today and yesterday? Besides the obvious score, I guess?

DANNY EDWARDS: Well I just didn't play

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very well, didn't score very well, and just didn't play very well.

Q. Any particular thing that didn't go right, putting, driving?

DANNY EDWARDS: Oh, a little bit of everything. Didn't drive very well, didn't play very well, didn't putt very well, just didn't score very well.

Q. Expecting to make the cut, 5-over, is that right?

DANNY EDWARDS: I guess I'm total 5-over. Yeah.

Q. What are you hearing at this point?

DANNY EDWARDS: I haven't heard a thing.

Q. Do you think you can come back and play a little bit better tomorrow?

DANNY EDWARDS: Well I hope so. I would like to.

DANA QUIGLEY

Q. How was your round today?

DANA QUIGLEY: Pretty good. 1-under. Not very consistent. I made six birdies and five bogeys. So I was Jekyll and Hyde out there and mostly not many pars, but I had some fun.

Q. Is your consistency something you're going to work on for tomorrow for?

DANA QUIGLEY: What I'm going to work on is I'm going to go home, watch the Red Sox, then go to sleep. That's all the work I'm going to do for today. It's maybe this isn't the kind of course where you can be real consistent on. It's, there's a lot of trouble out there and you just got to take what it gives you.

Q. What color is going to be tomorrow?

DANA QUIGLEY: Tomorrow, let's see now I think I'm going to save pink for Sunday, tomorrow we might go with, I don't know, some kind of light green or something.

Q. What are you going to have to -- what kind of score will the leaders shoot, where do you feel?

DANA QUIGLEY: What's the lead seven? Score to win the tournament? Well, a lot depends

if we get those 30 mile an hour winds like they say we're going to get. Scores will not go any lower, they will probably go higher, so five or 4-under might win it. If we get the 30 mile an hour winds. If we don't, you got to look at 10 or 11. There's only two or three guys up there, so, you know I think I'm in sixth place at 3-under. So it's, we're not too far away.

Q. So the Red Sox better or worse without Johnny Damon?

DANA QUIGLEY: The Red Sox are better. We got rid of one cry baby. We took such good care of him in Boston, you know, they got so many great signs in Fenway Park. My kids go to all the games, they have season tickets. We have a lot of fun there. But we're going against a tough pitcher tonight. We haven't hit that guy at all. So it will be a good game.

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