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The Ocean Course ~ Kiawah Island

Table with 21 columns (Hole #, 1-18, Out, Total) and 4 rows (Yardage, Par, Score). Total score is 72.

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- CHIP BECK
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CHIP BECK

Q. Talk about your day.

CHIP BECK: Phenomenal. I thought we were actually going to have more wind. They were talking about a lot of wind early from like last night continuing into midday and then kind of ending.

So what was really neat about it was, I think that the way you come out, you come out, it's like you're more in control when you know what you're going to get. But I'm glad I finished strong today.

Q. (Inaudible.)

CHIP BECK: For me I kind of like that, windy/gusty, a challenge like this. I think it gives you a sense of uncertainty. And a sense that you better be at your best. So I kind of like that. And I think that this course plays well like that.

Q. (Inaudible.)

CHIP BECK: Like most Major championships you have to commit to where you want that ball to land and your target line into the green. So that's, to me, the essence of a Major Championship. So I was able to do that.

But a good example is like 18. I had 150 to the hole, a little on the downhill/sidehill, the wind is crossing into me and kind of swirling into me at times. I thought I might hit a little seven, but the harder you swing on a sidehill the more it shoots over to the right. The wind would probably kick up and catch it.

So I took a little three quarter swing, knocked it down a little bit, controlled the flight, the spin on the ball, and it came up just a little bit long. But I knew I was playing a little past the flag because all your trouble is short. So it's pretty fascinating that it can be that challenging. But you know what, that's what I love about it. You just accept it and move on. I think that's one of the great things in golf, the ability to just accept, move on, and keep doing your best. That's going to make it a great Major Championship this week.

JEFF COSTON

Q. You said yesterday that you would take even par.

JEFF COSTON: Did I? I should take even par. If you let me stay in the clubhouse I'll stay here and just wave at everybody.

Q. A great save there on 18.

JEFF COSTON: It was all my caddie -- no, just kidding. I think.

Q. Do you think that's a number you

**can shoot for every day and be pretty happy with, even par?**

JEFF COSTON: I don't know. I think yesterday pars were good scores, as I said yesterday. But I would take pars on 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18. I don't even know. I just want to have fun and play golf like I know how to my full potential. I don't care what place I get.

**Q. Did you have fun today?**

JEFF COSTON: I had fun today. I have a friend caddying for me whose been my friend for 20 years. It's nice hanging out at night. Like I said I can't get him to watch American Idol, but I watched it. But we watched 24 and that.

**Q. What kind of expectations did you have coming into the week?**

JEFF COSTON: I feel like, remember Rocky, those shows and that guy, what was that guy, Mr. T, what was his name? Pain? No, I'm just kidding. I try not to have any expectations. Is that good? I read that in Golf for Women. It was really a good article.

TOM WATSON

**Q. What did you think of the conditions out there?**

TOM WATSON: The conditions were good breezy conditions. I like those conditions. I didn't particularly negotiate it very well on the front side. I played pretty well on the back side. But it's a tough golf course. It is not going to yield a lot of birdies out there because of the wind conditions. You got to take advantage of the holes downwind. The ones into the wind you better be careful.

**Q. What do you think about the difference between teeing off earlier than later?**

TOM WATSON: Didn't make much difference. It started blowing a little bit harder about halfway through the round. It wasn't that big a deal.

**Q. They say it's tough, but it's definitely fair with the way the tees were positioned?**

TOM WATSON: They moved up the tees in particular on the last few holes here. It made it so you didn't have to hit 3-woods over the water at 17. So thank you very much. They use their common sense usually here at the PGA.

**Q. Talk about that final stretch of four holes coming back into the wind today?**

TOM WATSON: I played some decent shots. I hit a good shot at 15. Good drives at 15 and at 16 and 18. I hit some good irons to 15 and 16. I didn't hit a very good iron at 14 or 17, but I still got it, I got pars out of it.

No, it's a fun challenge to get the right distance. That's the main thing in the wind. Can you hit it the right distance. On a golf course with this type of wind and kind of blind shots here and there, it's a challenge.

**Q. The challenge doesn't take away from the fun of playing this golf course?**

TOM WATSON: No, I enjoy it. It's a fun golf course to play.

LOREN ROBERTS

**Q. How did you feel about the early tee time today?**

LOREN ROBERTS: It was pretty good. We had nine holes that were pretty good and you could make some birdies. The back nine got a little tough, obviously, coming to the house. But I think they did a great job setting the course up, putting the tees in the right places. And I thought it was pretty good.

**Q. Having won a major last year, Senior British, conditions somewhat like this, how much confidence does that give you?**

LOREN ROBERTS: Yeah, hopefully if I go out and just hit the ball solidly and make a few putts. But the wind is going to blow for another day and we'll see what happens. Tomorrow it will kind of separate the field a little bit more and we'll see what happens.

**Q. Do you really feel like you have to fight every single shot?**

LOREN ROBERTS: Well, you do. Especially when you turn into the wind. You have to really hit the ball solid. Because there's a lot of trouble on this golf course. Just look at the size of the fairways. It's not like a true links golf course where they mow the fairways down. You have to hit the ball really solid shots every time.

**Q. I know you would rather be in the red, but still to be even, gives yourself a chance for the rest of the week?**

LOREN ROBERTS: Yeah, it does. I certainly didn't shoot myself in the foot today, so that's good.

## DAVE STOCKTON

DAVE STOCKTON: There was a lot of anxiety with being the Ryder Cup captain. But other than that when we were leaving the hotel we had two buses and going to the final dinner and we were realizing that we had two buses, one for each team, and we were only two guys shy of filling the first one. And Woosie picks up Corey Pavin and says, "Hell, we're not that big, we can fit in one seat." And they got on the bus. And there was a lot of good things. In defeat they were a lot better than we were. We had got used to winning, I guess.

### **Q. What did it mean for you to be the captain of the winning team?**

DAVE STOCKTON: It meant a great deal. It was much easier I think to be the captain over here than it is over there. I think it's somewhat of an advantage. I didn't treat Kiawah as an advantage, just because I figured that it would favor the Europeans over us. They didn't seem to agree with it, but I thought it did. But in hindsight looking back nobody can say who carried us, nobody, it was just a total team effort.

### **Q. The conditions today. Talk about the conditions out there today.**

DAVE STOCKTON: It's kind of out of the direction I expected. It's a little bit stronger than we got that last couple days in the Ryder Cup, but this is the direction that it blows. I was kind of smiling Monday and Tuesday realizing the practice rounds weren't doing anybody any good because the wind didn't come from that direction before. But it just played really difficult.

Personally myself I started out on 2 and I was worried about not carrying the bunker to the left and then shot it out to the right. I mean I had, it was a hell of an 8. In fact, I wasn't sure I hadn't reached double digits. Yeah, it was, God, man, it was, the wind, you can't get settled.

Like 17 I hit it perfect. I had 178 yards and I hit 5-wood, which I can hit 210, and I knocked it about six feet. And I almost 3-putted from six feet. I was so excited to hit such a good shot in there.

They're playing tough and there are going to be some high numbers. But I will say one thing, they set this thing up really fair. Pin position, I don't think, you know, they moved the tees up a mile on the holes affected. There's not one that you go out there and go, why in the heck did they do that. So I got to hand it to them.

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