

ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES
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MATT GOGEL (-7)



Q. Matt, 1 over through 5, then did something just switch when you went on that nice birdie barrage?

MATT GOGEL: Well, I was even and then 1 over. Yeah, you're right.

So, you know, that was -- I hit two great shots on the first hole of the day, went long and you're dead there. Then just kind of -- my goal was to hit a lot of greens and I did a pretty good job of it but I missed a few. And the greens are soft, so the scoring conditions were good. I need to drive a little bit better, but I putted great, I putted great and hit enough good shots.

Q. You like putting on poa annua?

MATT GOGEL: I do, yeah, yeah. I only had one win on the regular tour, it was at Pebble and those are about as bumpy as they get, so this was nice. They're tricky to read though and I've never played well here. I've had a couple of good scores, but I've never really played that well.

So I'm in good shape. Now I need to hit a few more fairways, hit a bunch of greens and just try to make it easy. I figured if I can shoot 2 or 3 under each nine, I would be in good shape. So I turned in 2 and ripped off a few more birdies, finished at 7. So I'm way ahead of where I thought I'd be, but when you've got a good round going you just go as low as you can.

Q. Did you feel good about your game coming into this week?

MATT GOGEL: I've been feeling really good about my game for about three months now and I just haven't put any results together. A couple of the majors, three majors I was kind of sitting around 15th, 8th, 12th going into the final round and just kind of had poor last nines. So I'm just kind of frustrated with that.

But I'm not trying to press. I feel like we have so much golf left this season. Those playoff events basically we're playing for \$5 million, the double points. So I wanted to be fit and with a lot left in the tank at the end of the year and that's my goal.

So I've been working out all year with this trainer and it started to pay off. But the main thing is I switched irons for the last tournament, the Senior British, and I was like holy cow, these are a game changer for me.

Q. What kind of irons?

MATT GOGEL: The Srixon irons with the shaft that I've never used before, but Harrison Frazar has it in his shaft and he said, well, just hit mine. I hit it at Dick's Sporting Goods and they made up a set with that shaft and I was like, this is something for me that I've never seen. It's lighter. And he's strong and he's using a 120, which is 113 gram S shaft, stiff shaft. And if he's as strong as he is and he's using them, then that's what I should be using and it's like made a big difference. He says we're getting older, you know, and we've got to have a lighter shaft so we can kick the ball up in the air. I'm like truth to that, so that's helped.

Q. So you said last three months you felt good, irons and working out. You said working out?

MATT GOGEL: Mainly the workouts started in November with this group that Rory McIlroy uses. Brad Faxon's the one that set up the meeting and they're like, would love to have you. It's been a full year of health and nutrition and workouts. I knew it's going to eventually start paying off, it has to. I feel like I'm a pretty good player. I'm not one of the elite players out here, but I'm pretty good. I just haven't put everything together. I feel like it's starting to come together. This is not the best golf course for me, but I'm trying to build into the last three months of the season.