

FINAL ROUND INTERVIEW: IAN WOOSNAM
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PHIL STAMBAUGH: Quite a day out there, you win it in dramatic fashion, birdie on the first playoff hole, and you're exempt from the Champions Tour for the first time, congratulations.

IAN WOOSNAM: Thank you very much. Great feeling. I knew my game was coming around so I was a little bit disappointed in the beginning of the week that I was struggling with a bad back, but I managed to dig in and grind through it. I feel like I'm getting a bit too old to go through the pain, but it paid off and I felt a lot better today. I played some great golf and I was fortunate to hole that long putt on the last playoff hole and be exempt for the next year, let's put it that way.

PHIL STAMBAUGH: Before you go through the details there on the playoff hole, just take us through the day, Ian. You birdied three of the first six and you were in it, and then I know you probably wish you had made some more putts on the back nine to put it away in regulation. Just talk about that and then talk about the playoff hole.

IAN WOOSNAM: Well, the first hole I hit a nice drive and I hit a rescue club just off the back edge, putted it down to about 18 inches, made a birdie. Then I birdied which hole did I birdie?

PHIL STAMBAUGH: 5.

IAN WOOSNAM: Oh, yeah. Fantastic drive and a 7iron to about four feet, holed that. And then the next hole, I didn't hit a very good drive, pulled it, had rescue club down, 9iron to about 40 feet and holed it. Then I birdied 12, hit it to five foot, holed that. And then hit some great shots coming in but I couldn't manage to convert them. In the last couple of holes I was struggling, and that's why you've got to do and when you're playing week in and week out, you learn to get your short game, you need to score. Over the weeks I've been practicing, it paid off, so that's the way I got in the playoff.

PHIL STAMBAUGH: Then talk about the playoff hole.

IAN WOOSNAM: Playoff hole, you know, I think just within half an hour of playing it for the first time the wind was really blowing when me and Tom hit our tee shots, and I was 30 yards further back than what I was in the regular play. I think it was 193 to the flag and I hit a rescue club, which I hit 225, so there was 30 yards of wind, and, you know, you seen where I finished, 30 feet left of the flag. Once I got it on there and Tom hit the poor shot to the right, he was in between clubs, I think. He probably could have gone down a little rescue club after seeing mine. But then Kenny, I think the wind dropped down for Kenny a little bit and then that put him in between clubs a little bit, I would say, and he hooked it a little bit and he left it five foot short. Obviously I'm thinking, well, lay it up stiff or if it goes in, it goes in, and I hit it on perfect line, the perfect pace and Bob's

your uncle, off we are, that's why I'm here.

PHIL STAMBAUGH: How much does this win mean to you, Ian?

IAN WOOSNAM: Well, I've been wanting to play I was exempt for a couple of years, but I wanted to be with my family and everything, but now kids are growing up more and I can spend a bit more time over here. It's a great tour and it's a pleasure to be here and I'm thankful for the sponsors to give me the invites and hopefully I've paid them off.

Q. As far as the course itself (inaudible)?

IAN WOOSNAM: I think I used to come here when it was the Shell, I think I had a third position here. It's a golf course that just seems to suit my game, I don't know why. Everything's in front of you, you can see the greens, you can see where everything is. I don't know, I shouldn't say I find it reasonably easy, it will probably bite me to death next year, but it's a course that I don't feel like there's a couple holes that don't suit me and I have to try and get through them holes, but other times I just feel like it just seems to suit my game, I don't know why.

Q. Going into today, what were you thinking? Do you think you still had a good shot, and obviously you did because you won?

IAN WOOSNAM: Yeah, I did. I was playing really well. I thought if I can just keep my putter going like I did yesterday, but I got on the putting green this morning and I felt the greens were a lot slower than what it was yesterday and I lost my pace again on the greens. You know, I just hung in there. It was tricky out there. The wind was blowing in a different direction again, so I knew them last few holes were going to play tough so no one would really run away with it. So I came through it 68 and the story is as it is now. Just pleased to be able to hang in there. I think that's what you've got to do. For me, it's I've got to keep playing again and get used to the pressure. I think what's holding me back is my nerves a little bit. Might not show it, but I was pretty nervous. The more you do it, the more you're in that situation, the more you learn how to handle the pressure. That's how I used to be when I was younger.

Q. Is there a part of you that at this point you've already played, what, 54 holes over the weekend and then you see that there's a threeway playoff, you're like, oh, gosh, someone needs to birdie this hole because I don't want to play three more holes?

IAN WOOSNAM: Well, that's what I said, I've got a flight to catch. I said, please someone birdie, whoever it is, birdie the first hole, and it happened to be me, great.