

**FINAL ROUND INTERVIEW**  
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**PAUL GOYDOS (-10)**

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**Q. Great day.**

**PAUL GOYDOS:** Yeah. I mean, I haven't played well all year so I really had almost zero expectations. Got off to a good start, kind of how the whole week went. I made -- I probably made the most birdies of anybody, but I --

**Q. You did your first --**

**PAUL GOYDOS:** Yeah, but I also made, as it probably turns out, too many bogeys. I think I made -- I made a double, too, so I probably made 10 bogeys and a double or nine -- I don't know what it was.

But yeah, I've been putting lousy all year. I've always liked playing here and the course fits me if I'm playing well, and today, especially on the weekend, I played really well.

**Q. Each year you continue to get better here. What is it about this course that you --**

**PAUL GOYDOS:** It's a golf course that kind of fits what I do. I hit the ball -- if I'm playing good, I hit the ball pretty straight and I hit the ball pin high a lot, and that's what you need to do here. This is a golf course where you get out of position, you make bogey. That's just the way it is. This year I hit the ball -- I drove it really nicely, you know, all -- all week, and hit the ball pin high all week and I made some putts.

**Q. Today players have struggled a little bit on 14. What did you think of that?**

**PAUL GOYDOS:** It's fine. I think the pin, it's a good pin. If you hit a good shot, you get a good look at 2. If you hit a bad shot, you're going to probably make 4 like I did. It's just that's what you want really, you want a chance to break away from the field. Birdie there can help doing that. You kind of like to see that risk-reward situation there. If you hit the right shot, you've got a good look at birdie.

**Q. Are you surprised how well you've played?**

**PAUL GOYDOS:** Yeah, I'm always surprised when I play well, especially coming in this week. I really played poorly as Kevin's partner in the Bass Pro Shops. Kevin carried us to some extent there and really hadn't played well all year. So yeah, hopefully it's a steppingstone to the summer, but yeah, I had no inclination that I was going to be even remotely competitive.

**Q. You're 1 behind Langer.**

**PAUL GOYDOS:** That's not a good place to be, you never want to be there.

The whole year -- the whole day I was 11, I was thinking the teens would be -- 12 or 13 was probably going to be where you needed to get to. Regardless of -- I know one time I might have had a two- or three-shot lead or something. That's kind of irrelevant when you're three, four, five groups ahead of everybody else. I was just trying to get to the teens. I thought that would give me the best chance, and I couldn't get there.

**Q. After the first day, there were a lot of low numbers. Were you kind of surprised at --**

**PAUL GOYDOS:** The first day there was absolutely no wind. The golf course was soft, and this golf course, the protection is wind to some extent. It makes it harder to hit the ball in the fairway, which you need to do. And the wind makes it harder to hit the ball pin high, which you really need to do here. When we have an absence of wind, the golf course is going to play a little bit easier, but it's not like it's windy on Saturday and Sunday, but you only need five or 10 miles worth of wind here and it changes how the golf course plays and that's kind of what we had this weekend.

**Q. Yeah. Excellent tournament, like you're saying, might have surprised you but you were out in front for --**

**PAUL GOYDOS:** Yeah, yeah, I played well. Again, you almost get to the point where you're not believing it, it's kind of nice. I birdied 10 and 11, it was like, wow, I can't do anything wrong here. But, you know, I also made two bogeys coming in, which is no good. I kind of got in a bad place on 18, I was in between clubs and that's not a good hole to be between clubs on. I actually hit -- you know, laid up off the tee a little bit to leave a particular distance and I hit it where I would probably hit driver, I just happened to catch a 3-wood as good as I can hit it. That didn't work, I didn't make a good swing. So our strategy I think was sound there, it just didn't work out.

**Q. What happened on 18?**

**PAUL GOYDOS:** I drove it down the fairway but kind of had a club that I was going to struggle to carry the water and I had a 5-iron. If I hit 4-iron, I have a tough time not hitting it in the back bunker. I was kind of stuck between clubs and made the swing that you make when you get stuck between clubs, which is not very good. I pulled it left and hit a good chip to about six feet and missed it.