**GRAEME McDOWELL: …the weather was kind of what the doctor ordered for me today. I needed an opportunity to get close to these leaders. I'm not saying that I didn't have any God‑given advantage in the wind, but I needed the golf course to play difficult… It was really, really difficult.**

**Very gusty wind conditions. You really had to pick your moment, pick your shot... It's got a huge amount to do with the way the golf course sets up, discipline, patience, all these words that are required to play well around here.**

**Really hung in well with the putter today. I made a great six‑ or seven‑footer on 8 for par. That was kind of what you had to do out there. I had to grind. I had a lot of quality shots, I drove it great. I kept it out in play.**

**…13 was a big save for me. I tugged my tee shot and I left myself a very difficult second shot, which kind of got a little unlucky. I flipped the bottom of a branch, left myself a difficult enough trap shot, which I played very mediocrely. Is that a word? But a great par‑saving putt from 25 feet down the hill.**

**That was big. That was a really big moment.**

**… I really knew in the back of my mind that if I could hang tough today, right from the first tee, right from the gun‑‑ I executed my game plan great today. The stars have to align, though, you know. And you never wish any ill on guys, you just have to play your game and see what happens. And like I said, from about 11, I made a good putt on 11 for birdie, and hung in there. Did a great sand save on 13. Birdie on 16. And I played great today.**

**…When you've signed your scorecard and I think Webb was literally just hitting his tee shot on 18‑‑ …He could make 3, he could make 5, who knows? Let's be prepared as mentally as we possibly can. I went up to the range and kept loose and kept warm. So I stayed mentally fresh and physically kind of warm, and I really made two great swings in the playoff.**

**I have to mention Webb's putt in the playoff; he had a great first putt. He really got extremely unlucky. I don't think the putt deserved to be any further away than four or five feet maximum. And it got a terrible gust and landed three or four feet. I didn't expect the guy to miss it. He really got unlucky there. Congratulations to him, he's a great player.**

**…So this is probably one of the more special ones in my career because it feels right. It feels good. My first real win on this side of the pond as a PGA Tour player. I'm very excited about this.**

**…I'm very excited to clock up, which I'm going to call my first defensive PGA Tour win. The U.S. Open was a special victory, but I wasn't a PGA Tour member. This is my PGA Tour victory as member. I'm going to call it my first defensive win.**