

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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Paul Broadhurst (-9)

Q. Paul, looked like on the front nine is where things kind of changed for you. What did you see out of that?

PAUL BROADHURST: It got a little bit difficult on the front nine, the wind got up, but made a really good eagle on the second hole to get me to 5 under. And then, to be honest, I thought it was a case of hanging on and I got to 6 under. It's playing difficult around the front side in the wind. I hit some really good iron shots in. For once the putter behaved itself today. I made a few nice putts today, which hasn't happened for quite a few weeks. The putting's been the problem recently so it was nice to see the ball roll into the hole today.

Q. Seven birdies and especially on that last one here on the 9th, what's been the key for you?

PAUL BROADHURST: Just hard work, I think. It wasn't expected. I can't say I came into this with any great form. I've been playing okay. Like I said, the putter's been letting me down. I think the last couple of tournaments it got into my long game as well. So it's been a bit of a struggle the last four, five tournaments. But there's been signs, I've been hitting it all over the place and the game's been there, but I just haven't been putting it together, so it's nice today that it all came together.

Q. Well, do you like this course? What do you think about Wisconsin?

PAUL BROADHURST: Yeah, first time here. Yeah, two different nines, two totally different nines. The back nine is quite tight through the trees, got to hit it straight. A little bit more room on the front nine but it's a lot more exposed, and when it's windy, it actually plays tighter than the back nine. It's a good test. I played really well today.

Q. How much do you think it helped lift, clean and place being in effect?

PAUL BROADHURST: Oh, no question. There was a bit of mud on the ball, so it was the right decision, no question. I guess tomorrow it'll be ball down. I need to be careful. I had a penalty shot at the U.S. PGA had lift, clean and place when we were doing it the first day and then they stopped it and it cost me a shot, so I've got to be careful tomorrow.

Q. Having a two-stroke lead right now, how are you feeling?

PAUL BROADHURST: Oh, great, in the lead, fantastic. But there's a long way to go, a long weekend. Think I'll probably go out with Steve tomorrow, which there are quite a few fans following him, so that will be a test, so looking forward to it.

Q. Your relationship with Steve?

PAUL BROADHURST: I honestly don't know him. I said hello on the putting green this morning. I've never really met him. He's just come out onto the senior tour. He's a world-class player, he proved that last week at the U.S. Open. You know, he's a local favorite I'm sure with the galleries, but I'll give it my best shot.

Q. You were out late on the opposite side of the course that his groups were on and not as many people?

PAUL BROADHURST: No, no, we had a couple of wives. Joe's wife was with us and my wife was walking, and the scorer and that was about it, so it was quite relaxed, quite casual. I'm sure it will be different tomorrow.

Q. Have you experimented with putters or your stroke or anything?

PAUL BROADHURST: Yeah, I've changed my putter, changed my putter a couple weeks ago. Using the Spider that Jason Day uses so well. I've been trying a couple of things out. Sometimes it works. That will be the key over the weekend, I think.

Q. What do you think about Madison? Have you ever been to Wisconsin before?

PAUL BROADHURST: No, I haven't had a chance to look around here. I've been told it's beautiful, so hopefully I'll have a chance to drive around. I've been told to drive downtown, drive through the lakes, it's supposed to be beautiful. I'll get the chance.

Q. Cheese curds, brats?

PAUL BROADHURST: I've heard cheese curds are not the best, I've heard that, so I'll pass on that one.

Q. So basically, Paul, you're saying today you should have probably been in that Monty-Faldo grouping here and make it a true all Englishmen. Is that the way it's been throughout your career trying to keep up with those guys?

PAUL BROADHURST: Well, never enough to keep with those guys. I've always been a step down the ladder from those guys. Playing in Europe, those were always the guys to beat. Occasionally I managed to do it, but not very often, so it's nice to be ahead of them today.