

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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Paul Broadhurst (-12)

Q. How impressed are you that you managed to do what you did out there and hold that lead, actually build it for a while there?

PAUL BROADHURST: Yeah. Steve got off to a good start and I struggled a little bit the first five holes, but it was a tougher day today with the wind. Just kept plugging away really. I had a good birdie at 6 and that sort of got me back, kick-started the round. Good birdies on 8 and 9. Perhaps left a couple out there on the back nine. Missed a good chance on 10 and then hit a poor driver on 18 really. There's plenty of room right and I toed over underneath the trunk and it cost me a bogey. I'm still 2 ahead, so got to be happy.

Q. You've been in the position before to win. What goes into your thinking tonight and into tomorrow morning?

PAUL BROADHURST: I don't know whether there's any thinking. There's no magic, either. There's no magic to think about really. It's just try and get some rest if you can and come out and hope the game's in good shape tomorrow. I'm probably going to hit a few drivers. I didn't drive it as well today as I did yesterday. Yesterday I drove it great, but I hit a couple poor ones today so 10 minutes on the range with the driver and get the rhythm back. The rhythm went a little bit with the wind, it always does. I find it difficult to keep the rhythm smooth when it's really windy. I know what the problem is, so I can fix it for tomorrow.

Q. You're playing with a guy coming off the U.S. Open that is the host of the tournament. What was that dynamic like for you?

PAUL BROADHURST: It's a great atmosphere. The atmosphere's brilliant. Really, really good. Myself and Brian were joking that we've got one fan apiece out there today, our wives. But no, it was good. The crowd is really good. When we holed putts and made good shots, they're really courteous. Great to play with Steve. First time I played with him. He's a gentleman, plays lovely, plays great golf and thoroughly enjoyed it today.

Q. A couple lose ones on the back nine, but it didn't really hurt you in the end?

PAUL BROADHURST: No. Blocked one there on 14, hit a poor drive and got away with it really. And like I said, hit a poor tee shot off the last. It wasn't a wild one, it was probably five yards left of ideal. But with the world on the right, anyplace you can't hit is left and it cost me bogey. Three-shot lead would have been nice, but have to make do with two.

Q. That putt on 17 had to be a nice boost?

PAUL BROADHURST: Yeah, that was a beauty. I'd have been grateful for 3. Stood on the tee, make 3, finish 3-4. Instead I finished 2-5, but a 3-4 finish would have been good. And 17, middle of the green you're happy. Just to roll in a 20-, 25-footer was a bonus really. But putted okay again today, so that was good. That was the key again, keep the putter going.

Q. Obviously you know guys can go low on that course. How do you protect against that tomorrow? You have to just keep going low yourself?

PAUL BROADHURST: You know the standard out here, anyone's capable of shooting 8 or 9 under. If somebody does that in the top 10, then they're going to win tomorrow. I've just got to come sort out my own game. Try and go out and shoot a good score. If it's good enough, great. If not, then we'll go to the Senior U.S. Open with a bit of form.