

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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MATT FITZPATRICK (-4)



Q. Matt, how pleased are you with your start here at Firestone?

MATT FITZPATRICK: Yeah, really pleased. You know, I think I looked on the board when I was coming in, like 4 under was tied 7th, so I think me birdieing the last just got me tied for 8th, so yeah, really, really pleased. Obviously, a little bit hit or miss as of late, but yeah, I feel like we found something this week and hopefully it's something to just keep building on.

Q. You said, you told us that you felt like you struggled a bit at The Open. Had you been working on something in particular that clicked today?

MATT FITZPATRICK: Yeah, since The Open I won't say we had a big sort of session just after The Open and I still felt a little bit lost, and then even just before here I still felt a little bit lost, and then it was just something we sort of found out Tuesday that sort of stuck and I really think it could be the difference. So hopefully just keep working hard at it and keep having days like today and I'll be all right.

Q. This course demands good ball-striking in the conditions. Do you feel like it suits your style of play?

MATT FITZPATRICK: I would say so, yeah. I would think before I ever came here, even last year, everyone said you've got to hit fairways and greens and that's how you score around here. And I know it's that (inaudible) last year I hit driver and scored terribly. So this year was a big difference, found a ton more fairways and yeah, I played much better on the hole.

Q. Did you enjoy playing with Jordan and in front of so many people here today?

MATT FITZPATRICK: Yeah, it was great. Jordan's a nice guy and I played with him a few times before. It's exciting getting a few good crowds, so it's good.

Q. Finally, a positive start, your expectations for the week?

MATT FITZPATRICK: Just keep doing what I've been doing really, just same score the next four days -- the next three days even, I would like to think I'll be doing all right, so we'll see.