

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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RUSSELL KNOX (-3)



Q. Can you reflect on your start here at Firestone?

RUSSELL KNOX: Yeah, I'm delighted since I arrived here yesterday morning and I hadn't touched a club since The Open. I had a nice little break. I felt awful over the ball for at least the first 12 holes, to be honest. I was just happy to get it moving forward. So kind of for it to come together, make some putts, I'm delighted with 3 under.

Q. Any reason you had the late arrival?

RUSSELL KNOX: I went on vacation with my family in Alaska and it was a nightmare getting here, but I got here and I felt refreshed from golf, tired from travel. So it was nice to get a little break.

Q. What did you do particularly well on the golf course today?

RUSSELL KNOX: My iron play was good. The greens were super soft, so it's nice for me, I can throw darts in there, so that's nice. I made some nice putts. I missed one I should have made at the last hole there, which sucks, but I definitely putted well. Drove it pretty decent. It was a good day.

Q. Finally, how important is it to get off to a fast start here and how much do you enjoy being in that environment?

RUSSELL KNOX: Yeah, it's nice on these no-cut events. Obviously if you shoot bad the first day, you just like -- you just feel totally out of it, especially if you don't play good tomorrow. So playing well, yeah, gets you into the tournament quickly. Obviously I'm not going to be near the lead, but 3 under's 3 under, and if I shoot 3 under every day on this course, I'm going to love my chances.