

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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NICK WATNEY (-6)

Q. Nick, great start to the tournament. Just your thoughts on your first round?

NICK WATNEY: I played really nicely. I started off, I made a pretty loose bogey on the first hole and another one on the fourth hole, wasn't quite sure how my day was going to go. Other than that, I played really nice. It was nice to be here and excited for the rest of the way.

Q. When you get off to such a rocky start and just to rebound like that, what does that say about your game?

NICK WATNEY: I feel like everything's in pretty good shape. I think getting the ball in the fairway's really important this week with the new bermuda stuff. Bermuda greens are firm and you need as much control as you can, so getting in the fairway's very important.

Q. Talk about taking advantage of being here and being guaranteed four rounds.

NICK WATNEY: Yeah, I mean, it's great. Anytime you don't have to worry about a cut or any of that stuff is great. We've got eight rounds over here and looking forward to kind of building some momentum for next year.

Q. I know the offseason was short, but did you work on anything to prepare yourself for the start of this season?

NICK WATNEY: Nothing in particular, just took a little bit of time off and then really just tried to get as sharp as I could coming over here. No major changes.

Q. In this case, just talk a bit about coming back to Malaysia where you actually won this event a few years ago. How much fun is it to come back to a place where you've had so much success, fans know who you are?

NICK WATNEY: It's really nice. The people are great here. The golf course is in great shape and, like you said, it's always nice to come back somewhere you've had success. I was excited to get here and it's nice to get off to a good start.

Q. Talk about the changes of the grass here. Has it played easy, is it more difficult, what's the deal?

NICK WATNEY: I think it's a little bit of both because with the fairways being a little firmer, the golf course plays shorter, but if you miss a fairway, you lose control because the greens

are firm. So it's a little bit of both.

Q. Highlight of the day on 18?

NICK WATNEY: Yeah. I mean, I was just trying to get that one close. To have a collision with the pin is definitely a highlight.

Q. What was the club there?

NICK WATNEY: Well, it was a bunker shot. So yeah, the pin's on just a little bit of a shelf, I was trying to land it just on the top and it did and luckily hit the flag and it went in.