

**ROUND 2 INTERVIEW**  
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**AUSTIN COOK ( -12)**

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**Q. Well, Austin, you set yourself up in contention heading into the weekend. Just some thoughts on how you played these first 36 holes?**

**AUSTIN COOK:** Very well, very consistent. No bogeys so far, so I've been able -- three chip-ins, so my short game's been doing pretty well so far. It's a great way to start of the year and hopefully I can continue this weekend.

**Q. Just talk a little bit about this because you did get off to a fast start in your rookie season out here, but again off to a hot start.**

**AUSTIN COOK:** Yeah, I think the rest really does me well, I've kind of figured that out. The first few events on the Web the first couple years I played great in, first few events last year I played well in. I definitely, whenever I have a few weeks off I like to kind of decompress and I think it helps me out.

But coming in it's always important to play well here. This year I have full status and I'm exempt in next year already, but still, playing well early in the year just helps relax you later in the year.

**Q. Talk a little bit about the advantage you have being in these limited field events where you're guaranteed four rounds.**

**AUSTIN COOK:** Yeah, that's nice. You can come over, you can play two, maybe if you get in the WGC you can play three tournaments in a row where you're guaranteed some FedExCup points and guaranteed money. That doesn't matter anymore, it's only FedExCup, but still that helps. Definitely, you come over and, like you said, you get to play four rounds, you're guaranteed that. You can kind of take some pressure off traveling all this way to make the cut and just come out and play your game.

**Q. And your first time in Malaysia, just your thoughts on this golf course the first two days?**

**AUSTIN COOK:** Yeah, first time even in this part of the world and I think it's a good golf course. They've done well setting it up for us. It helps me out I think as a shorter hitter because there's a stretch of about five or six holes on the back side where you don't even hit driver, you can't, there's nowhere to hit it. So I think that helps me out with some of these long hitters kind of playing from the same spot.

**Q. First time over here, have you been taking any advantage of any of the extra**

**curriculars?**

**AUSTIN COOK:** No, I've been trying to get back on the correct sleeping cycle and just eating whenever I can.