

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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WADE ORMSBY (-4)



Q. Three birdies in a row on a really solid opening nine. Tell me about your day.

WADE ORMSBY: Yeah, I played really nicely early. Obviously three quick birdies there at the start and a sloppy one at 5, I think it was. An unfortunate one on 8 and 9. I played really solid, just didn't hole the putts, but overall, happy.

Q. I'd say you hit it solid. You missed three fairways all day long, you only missed three greens all day long.

WADE ORMSBY: Yeah, driving it straight is kind of my game. Yeah, the ball-striking has been feeling pretty good so far this year. The course has firmed up a little bit, so it's a little bit trickier out there. Just got to be careful of the pins. We know how treacherous the greens are and the roll-offs, so just got to try and play smart to the pins. We have a bit of that back home, so try to use a bit of that knowledge.

Q. We don't get to see that much of you over here in the United States. What do you want our listeners to know?

WADE ORMSBY: Yeah, I'd like to play more of these big events, but spent most of my career in Europe. Played a couple of times over here and I do love it over here, but at the same time European Tour's a strong tour and a good tour, so can't jeopardize that by trying to come across over here .

Q. Wade, very nice round. Quick background, tell me how long it was that you knew you had qualified for this event.

WADE ORMSBY: Yeah, it's been tricky with the pandemic. I had an idea about six or eight weeks ago that once it moved over here is that we were going to have two spots from the Asian Tour, which is fantastic with these World Golf events. Had an inkling, but you never know with the confirmation waiting to come through.

Q. Great round today. We're five minutes after it, but is it exciting to think, okay, wow, I'm going to be in the top-5 at least at a WGC?

WADE ORMSBY: Yeah, it's always nice to be up there in big events. I've been around a little while so I think if I play well I'd like to be in the top half there somewhere. To be where I am, yeah, I'm very happy. I would have taken it at the start of the day, but more importantly, just keep the game going, keep improving and keep putting myself there.

Q. And along the lines of what you were asked there, for folks who with don't know you here in America, what are maybe some hobbies you like beyond golf or what makes you tick?

WADE ORMSBY: I guess something about me, I played in college, University of Houston, '98 to 01, so I've got actually quite a few friends out here that I know, that I played against in college golf, so it's nice to catch up with some guys over here. I love motorsport, and yeah, I've got two kids and I've got a 10-and-a-half-month-old sitting at home, so big hello to her.