

DICK'S SPORTING GOODS OPEN

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW

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RICHARD GREEN (-4)

Q. What was working for you early on?

RICHARD GREEN: Just about everything really. I was just setting up a lot of birdies and making the putts really, and probably on the more difficult of the two nines, too. For me, it's pleasing to play that back nine well.

Q. The rain towards the end of your round, was that a factor at all?

RICHARD GREEN: Not really, no. There was a little bit of rain there on the tee shot on 9, but not enough to really worry. I think if the rain sort of comes a little bit later and settles in, it might change things, but the ground is nice and firm and still rolling true, and nothing really changed. It's all good.

Q. You positioned yourself well for tomorrow, round 2. What adjustments do you need to make to close the gap on the leaders?

RICHARD GREEN: For me, it's just hitting the tee shots in play on the par-5s on the front nine. Today I was just slightly off with my drives on those par-5s, on the 3rd hole, 5th and 8th. I was just a little bit off the fairway, so I couldn't really attack the green in two or anything like that. I'm just going to work on the driver a bit this afternoon and see if I can get that ready for tomorrow.

Q. You're coming off a win across the pond. Set yourself up in good position going into the weekend. What would that mean to get one here this weekend?

RICHARD GREEN: It would be huge. I came here in 1997 for the BC Open and played this course and had some really good memories of playing well here that week. I think just about everything about this golf course suits my game.

If I can just manage myself well and continue to hit the ball well and putt well this weekend, hopefully it'll be close.

