

ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES
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MATT WALLACE (-11)

Q. Nice second round, what did you like about your round today?

MATT WALLACE: My iron play is great, putting was really nice. I managed my game at the end there really well. Didn't drive it amazing for the middle part -- sorry, there's flies all over the place -- but the tough holes, you know, 4 I hit a great driver, 4-iron to nine feet and missed that. But took a lot of positives from those two shots into the last five holes, which I managed to play really nicely.

So good focus, good determination and yeah, happy with the score.

Q. Third time now seeing this course. What were the big takeaways from the two prior times and learning curves to navigating it?

MATT WALLACE: I think there's been a bit of rain this last week and it's played really soft compared to years gone by, so it was playing a bit different.

But it's relatively easy on the eye, everything you can see out there, you know certain positions to miss and not to miss. I think it's just a ball-striker's golf course. You obviously need to putt well every single week, but ball-striker's golf course where if you're hitting fairways and greens, you've not going to be giving shots away and you can make a bunch of birdies.

Q. You were just explaining you kind of have a new strategy with your caddie where you start over par. So where did you start today? Can you kind of explain that process and mindset?

MATT WALLACE: Yesterday obviously in the afternoon Jamie came up with -- well, basically we started tournaments pretty poorly this year and it's kind of been like, OK, we'll see how it goes to start the tournament on Thursday. We find ourselves behind the 8 ball and then we've played really well on Fridays because we've been determined to get the score back.

So we kind of came up with a system of like starting over par so we've already played one round, right? To make the cut, you've got to get yourself into it. So yesterday was 4 over and we managed to shoot 1 under, which is 5 under, and today it was 3 over. It's not nice standing on that 10th tee 3 over already. Then I bogeyed it, so I was 4 over so I had to get it back. That sort of determination and focus really helped.

Q. Then had some success overseas, especially DP World Tour with some rounds.



Where are you feeling most confident with your game?

MATT WALLACE: I'd like to say tee to green, but the driver's let me down a little bit. But my iron play, short game and putting's pretty special. Yeah, I'm happy with that.

I need to tidy up the driver because that sets up the holes, I need to tidy that up and get better at that. It sucked today and kind of bits of yesterday.

Q. The 10th hole was rated the hardest par 4 on Tour last year. What do you think makes that hole so challenging?

MATT WALLACE: Water on the right and water on the left normally tends to do it and it's relatively long. Stats wise, I know that. I come up with a plan last year of taking those out and playing to my strengths, which would be long iron play and short game. So I hit a 2-iron off there, staying out of the water.

Yeah, I could hit driver and other guys could hit driver and turn it into an 8-iron second shot, which is a lot easier, but I just see that as a four and a half par. If I can make 4, which I want to do over the weekend, or even hit it on the green and hole the putt, you can still do that.

So I just try and take that out of play. I bogeyed it the first two days, so I'm probably not the best person to ask, but I'll try better on the weekend to be better.

Q. Final one, so where will you be playing heading into the weekend or is that something you have to get with Jamie?

MATT WALLACE: Yeah, we'll wait until obviously today's finish and see the pins and the wind conditions tomorrow. It's just something to really focus me at the start of the day rather than be joint leader or behind by two, whatever it may be. That's what I'm going to try and achieve. I was beating it with three holes to go today, but I just changed that into I need to beat the course with the last three. I birdied 7 and parred 8 and 9, which are two really strong holes. They were my scores, that's what I achieved and it kept me focused.

Q. And last name of your caddie?

MATT WALLACE: Lane, Jamie Lane, the big guy.

