

**ROUND 1 INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPT: BARRY LANE**  
**Thursday, June 26, 2014**

**Q. Can you just talk a little about your day? Pretty good start for you, 4-under.**

**BARRY LANE:** Yeah, nice. I mean, I didn't get into the tournament until Monday, so it's always nice to be over here to get in the tournament. Yeah, I played pretty solid really. I didn't miss many fairways, probably two or three, and I missed one green, I think, got up and down on that one. One long putt but it really couldn't have been much better. I didn't hit it that close. I had a chance on the last one, about five foot, but other than that, yeah, it's been a good day.

**Q. How much preparation -- I know you were an alternate coming in. When did you find out you were in?**

**BARRY LANE:** Monday. I came over last week and qualified for the U.S. Open last Thursday in New York, so I was always going to be around because I knew I was close to getting in. Then two people I think -- they took me on Sunday from the last tournament, but you're always going to have maybe one or two withdraw. So I got a phone call Monday morning, so I came Monday afternoon.

**Q. You've just been playing in Europe?**

**BARRY LANE:** I haven't played at all. I played two tournaments, that's all I've played all year. We've had -- our tournament schedule didn't start until June and we played our PGA Championship and that's it. I mean, it's been hard not playing for seven months. I normally play every week pretty much, or I did for 27 years.

**Q. How do you keep sharp then?**

**BARRY LANE:** I just did have a bit of time off in the winter but then I just kept playing and kept practicing. We went to Florida for a few weeks' practice and I played the Dubai Desert Classic earlier in the year on the main tour because it was their 25th anniversary and I played every year. So I try and keep myself -- but it's not the same as playing in competition. You know, you can hit it really well on the range and practice well, but actually when you get a card in your hand it's totally different. And I really struggled at the PGA Championship. I missed the cut by a shot, putt terrible. But it was my first week out and you get a bit frustrated, you're so eager to get out there. But I've settled down a bit now and I'm just looking forward to playing.

**Q. You played here last year. Course conditions this year compared to today?**

**BARRY LANE:** I think similar actually because we had so much rain last year.

When I played on Tuesday practice, it was a lot firmer and the ball was going a lot further. But today was back to what it was last year, the ball not carrying very far, quite long irons into the greens. But it's in magnificent condition, I mean magnificent condition, but we definitely needed preferred lies today, that's for sure.

**Q. Does it feel great to get out there and really just pick up where you left off?**

**BARRY LANE:** Absolutely. It's a tough season, we haven't got that many tournaments in Europe. It's nice. Last year I went eight times backwards and forwards across the Atlantic and in the end I was gone at the end of the year, I just couldn't cope. Played lovely, but my brain was somewhere else, you know. So it was hard. So I decided this year that I'm not going to do what I did last year, I'm not going to come over and try to Monday qualify too many times. I'll play the full season in Europe. Even though I'm now in the U.S. Open, I'm not going to go home next week to play in Switzerland. I'm just going to stay here and practice and then give myself a better chance for the U.S. Open.

**Q. Any aspect of your game that really stuck out today?**

**BARRY LANE:** Not really. I did everything I can, I hit a lot of greens, hit a lot of fairways and I putted nicely. If you do that, if you hit a lot of fairways and a lot of greens, you're not always going to hit it really close because the greens are quite spinny so you're going to spin the ball a long way away, but if you can two-putt from 30-, 40-foot a couple of times, you're going to have a few of those and just steady really.