

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW: GRAEME McDOWELL
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Q. Double off the first and you were able to turn it around. How did you kind of right the ship?

GRAEME McDOWELL: Yeah, golf's a funny game. Sometimes some of your best rounds start off with a bogey or double. I hit my first tee shot out of bounds and my provisional ball I think I hit it right of my first one. As I walked down there I was thinking I might be needing a taxi home on the second tee box. But thankfully I managed to make a good 6 off my provisional ball and made five birdies straight there to finish off the front nine and steady the ship, but all in all very happy with that. Obviously it was a round that could have got away from me very, very quickly in the beginning, but pretty happy with 4 under now.

Q. For the 17 holes you played 6 under, what was it about your game that had you kind of firing on all cylinders?

GRAEME McDOWELL: Just everything really. I was getting the ball in the fairway, hitting some good iron shots. This golf course has taken the rain extremely well here and I was hitting some decent iron shots. I think probably the strength of my game today was my putter though. I haven't been putting my best lately and just been working on a few bits and pieces on the greens and I really putted well today, putted decisively, picked my lines well and managed to make a few.

Q. Where were you on the rain delay? Were you in the middle of that birdie streak?

GRAEME McDOWELL: Yeah, we were on the 7th tee, so when I came back after the rain delay I made two more birdies on top of the three. So yeah, it was -- I guess it was a funny bit of weather that really depended where you were on the golf course. Guys on the back nine playing holes like 14 or 15 would have really struggled at that point. Thankfully we were sort of going downwind, definitely sort of a bit of fortune there with that wind and rain when it came in. But no, it was a good round in the end. Like I say, I thought I was going to make about a 12 off the first, shake the lad's hand on the second tee and say, See ya later.