

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW: TIM WILKINSON
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Q. Tim, certainly off to a right start, 4 under today. Just a few comments on how you found the course and how it's kind of setting up for you?

TIM WILKINSON: Yeah, I hit it in play, drove it pretty well and missed a few greens, but my short game was great today. I just chipped it close and made a nice chip on the last. Putted well. Greens are just in perfect shape. I think they're the best greens I've played on all season so it's a lot of fun to play out there.

Q. When you post a 4-under 68 on this golf course you've got to feel pretty good about the day, especially the way that you post that last with the chip-in at 18?

TIM WILKINSON: Yeah, it was a good way to finish. I had a bit of a sloppy, I felt like I should have made an up-and-down on 17 but a little bit of a sloppy error right there but good way to finish chipping in. A good start on a difficult day.

Q. This is one of those golf courses where you kind of have to take what it gives you, it's hard to take advantage of many holes out here save for the par 5s?

TIM WILKINSON: This course is playing quite long as well in wet conditions so I have a lot of long irons into greens, a couple fairway woods on some holes on par 4s. It was demanding.

Q. When you're finishing up on 18 and you chip in, describe the shot and how that kind of springboards you into tomorrow?

TIM WILKINSON: Yeah, so I chipped it really well all day, pretty close all day and Mark Hubbard's caddie said, You're annoying. So I just looked over at Mark and gave him a smile. So it was fun, it was good setup for tomorrow. Hopefully, the course dries out with a little bit more with this wind.

Q. Well, congratulations on the opening round. Let's talk about the end first and the chip-in on 18.

TIM WILKINSON: Yeah, it was a good way to finish. I chipped it, pitched it really well all day, so I had a good line on it and I felt it was one of those ones you just feel like you're going to make.

Q. You made a lot of birdies today. What was going well overall?

TIM WILKINSON: I wedged it really well. The opportunities I had on 8, 1, 10, I hit really good wedge shots inside sort of five, six feet. And then 15 as well I had a foot and a half

there. I wedged it well. Kept it in play. I missed the greens in the right spot, which made for a lot easier up-and-downs.

Q. We're now standing in the sun but we've had overcast, we've had some cold, we've had some rain. What about the conditions today?

TIM WILKINSON: Yeah, a bit of a mixture. The wind had got up, it's died down a little bit. Almost felt like it was going to snow to be honest. It's pretty cool out there. It did get windy, but halfway through the round it was swirling in some of the trees on the back nine which made it a bit tricky.