

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW: HENRIK STENSON
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Q. Henrik, 5-under 67, nice start. Get some comments on your day.

HENRIK STENSON: Yeah, I think I don't feel like I deserved a better score, but it could have been better. I had a couple of good chances coming in but I still felt like I kept it together nicely. I managed to save myself a few times, took some good chances when I had them. Yeah, it could have been better. I still feel like I kind of got what I deserved in the end.

Q. Comment on the conditions you faced out there.

HENRIK STENSON: Yeah, it was pretty windy again. It's been windy the first couple of days of the week and it was windy again when we started and it feels like it dropped down a little bit towards the end here. On the back nine it's a little bit less. I think maybe the forecast is for a bit less tomorrow and then someone's going to turn the fan on again over the weekend. So yeah, I expect to have to control the golf ball in the wind most of the week here.

Q. Par 5 scoring is supposed to be the key for this week. Is it something that you think going into tomorrow, if you're a little more aggressive, that you turn that on that you'll be --

HENRIK STENSON: I find the par 5s pretty frustrating because a few of them, there's not really anyplace you can hit, even if you're in good position. Like on the ninth I hit a lovely tee shot and there's not really anywhere you can find -- it's almost like you're playing to miss the green in the right spot. Yeah, I don't know, they're tricky. There's obviously going to be birdie chances on them, especially on 3 and 6 that are playing short, it's going to be more so, and 15. So those other ones you've really got chances to do something good, and then the other ones, yeah, you'll be happy to get one on 11, that is the one playing into the wind.

Q. Your score came in bunches but finished up nicely 13, 14 and 15. What was it like to make it that way?

HENRIK STENSON: Yeah, I had some chances to be better at the turn. I thought 3 or 4 under going out, that could have easily been, but then I managed to hang in there on one or two occasions when I was a bit off and then just picked up some birdies at the right time. So it always feels good when throughout the whole round you're progressing and getting more and more under par. Patience, even though we're late in the season, seems like we had just enough to get by 18 holes and I'm just going to try and do plenty more of the same. I thought I was hitting the ball quite all right most of the day and made some good putts as well even though, like I said, it could have been one or two better on the greens at times.

Q. Anything at all that you want to do differently tomorrow?

HENRIK STENSON: No, I'll take 5 under four times, that works.