



Q. Great opening round for Lee Westwood, 67. As you look back on this round, what are your takeaways?

LEE WESTWOOD: I played great. (inaudible). Hard work playing at altitude. Sometimes the ball goes (inaudible) 56 meters. Not a lot of wind behind. (Inaudible) and you're looking at a nightmare of a spot, so you've just got to try and make as many birdies as you can because you know even if you're playing well, you're going to make a bogey and it might not even be your fault.

Q. No player's played more WGC events, you have the experience but you're also a cerebral player. You come to a golf course here that you're still kind of learning and you're at altitude. How much fun is it for you to play?

LEE WESTWOOD: It's fun watching the caddies' faces with the confusion that comes over their faces. Not only you've got the altitude, you've got the heat, you've got uphill and downhill to take into consideration. So (inaudible) 9-iron so they really have to be on their toes and we do as players as well. The fitness comes into play this week because it's hard to get your breath up here. It's as high as I've ever played. There's a lot of variables to take into consideration.

Q. This is one round, but what do you take away from today?

LEE WESTWOOD: Well, I played pretty well to start the year. Finished eighth in Abu Dhabi and I did all right in Dubai after the wrong end of the draw and I felt like I should have been close to the lead in Malaysia. Played down in South Africa and I was only five behind. I've been playing solid without getting full results from the way I'm playing, but I hit the ball well today. That's all you can really do, keep hitting the ball well. I rolled some nice putts in. These greens are tricky (inaudible). There's a lot of patience involved around this golf course.

Q. (No microphone.)

LEE WESTWOOD: I didn't expect to go out there and make eight birdies. I didn't think this was that kind of golf course where there were that many birdies on offer. But I hit the ball really well. I hit a lot of fairways, which you need to do. The distance control up here out of the rough at this altitude to some of these greens is very challenging. So with a little bit of heat as well, the ball's going ridiculous distances. So it's not easy out there to get the ball close, and if you do start to get it on the green but a long way from the flag, it's not the easiest two-putt because these greens are quite tricky.

Q. Phil was just saying even though the ball's going so far, you still can't overpower it?

LEE WESTWOOD: You know what, it's a great golf course. You've got to be really patient. It's a pleasure to play a golf course where your caddie doesn't hand you the driver walking off the previous green. You've got to put in a bit of thought on this golf course, try and hit fairways. It's not just a tee-up-and-blast-it place. You've got to play to certain sections in the greens with flags. It's a great test and I think whoever's designed the golf course has done a great job.