

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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GREG CHALMERS (-4)

Q. Greg, 4 under, one off the lead, how did it go today?

GREG CHALMERS: Yeah, I played really nicely. It was a little tricky out there early because it was windy and -- I'm sorry, rainy and the course is playing quite long. I think I had like a 3-iron into the 11th hole, my second hole, and barely got to the front of the green. But it was stop-start early. I was playing nicely, I was 2 under through seven holes. Made a couple of mistakes, two bogeys in a row, and then I had to be really patient through the stretch there because I felt my score wasn't reflecting how I was hitting the ball and that was rewarded with four birdies the last five holes. So really pleased, it's the lowest round I've shot in a while. Saw a lot of really good signs that I've been waiting to see.

Q. Must be nice to come back to a course into a tournament that you've won before, must be a nice little confidence boost before you even tee it up?

GREG CHALMERS: Yeah, no question. And look, coming back to Australia is always just really a pleasure. So I'm more relaxed and sometimes that has helped to good results. So I'm really happy with how today went and looking forward to seeing if the course dries out a little bit, we'll come back tomorrow and see what we can do.

Q. The wind's getting up a bit now, might be trickier for the afternoon?

GREG CHALMERS: It's always trickier in the afternoon. I know it's going to be windy tomorrow afternoon. I'm hoping it will be a little drier and greens may be a little firmer and then we'll be good to go.

Q. You had a very, very (inaudible) winning this event when there's a few stars in the field and upstaging those guys. Do you feel like you couldn't have done any more today to be minus 4 after the first round and in a good position to contend?

GREG CHALMERS: No question, yeah. I was fortunate that time I guess against Adam Scott, so in the previous time when I won I beat Robert Allenby and Marcus Fraser in the playoff. But right now that doesn't matter so much. What matters is getting ready for tomorrow afternoon, but it's a long way to go to get to that point. If push comes to shove, it would be great to have the opportunity.

Q. Good to know that you've done it before.

GREG CHALMERS: That's always handy.

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