

**ROUND 3 INTERVIEW**  
**March 3, 2018**

**TYRRELL HATTON (- 11)**



**Q. You had a bit of food poisoning at the start of the week. How are you feeling right now? You appear better because of scoring.**

**TYRRELL HATTON:** Yeah, yeah, definitely feel better. It was only an issue Wednesday night really. The Imodium's helped a lot.

**Q. That's enough on that probably. In terms of how you put together that performance today, we've seen quite a few low numbers today, a new course record by Justin Thomas, your round was superb as well. What was the secret?**

**TYRRELL HATTON:** I think I got off to a good start, you know. Felt comfortable with my game, gave myself plenty of opportunities. 5 under through 9, which I was over the moon with. Felt like I lost my swing a little bit on the back nine, didn't play -- didn't hit it as good. But if anyone said I was going to shoot 7 under at the start of the day, I would be happy, so very happy with that.

**Q. As well you should be. Number one in strokes gained around the greens, we have a couple of highlights. Just talk us through, first of all, here on 12.**

**TYRRELL HATTON:** I'll be brutally honest, the lie here wasn't great and I genuinely thought about double hitting it and then it goes in.

**Q. You've got to love the honesty. But then again here at 15?**

**TYRRELL HATTON:** Yeah, I got a bit lucky here. Wasn't the best of lies. It was in the shade there so the grass doesn't kind of grow as other parts, so just popped up and luckily it landed soft and hit the pin.

**Q. Just finally, mesmerizing year last year, those two back-to-back wins as well, obviously a good performance in Dubai to start this season. Just tell us about the excitement heading into the final round with a chance to win a WGC.**

**TYRRELL HATTON:** Yeah, it's exciting, but we just have to see what the leaders do. I think they've still got four or five holes to go. I think I'm two behind at the moment, I'm guessing, but if I'm more than that to start the day tomorrow, then so be it. I'm just going to go out there and try to play as well as I can, try to shoot another low one and see what happens.

**Q. (No microphone.)**

**TYRRELL HATTON:** Obviously got off to a really good start. Game felt really good, comfortable with my swing, gave myself plenty of opportunities, and obviously nice to see some putts drop early on. Felt like I lost my swing a little bit towards the back nine, just didn't hit it as good and obviously less opportunities. So overall very happy with 7 under today and hopefully I can have another good one tomorrow.

**Q. Are you starting to feel more comfortable in these bigger events now that you've won a few times on the European Tour and you're ascending up the world ranking?**

**TYRRELL HATTON:** I guess so. When you win, obviously you get confidence from that, so just taking that forward into these events. I haven't done too badly in the WGCs that I've played so far, it's only maybe the majors that have been a letdown for me. So hopefully that will change this year. I'll certainly try my best to improve that record and play a few more weekends.

**Q. Does your strategy change going into tomorrow as you're a little bit closer to the lead, or do you keep the same strategy you had the first three days?**

**TYRRELL HATTON:** Same strategy. I've just got to go out there tomorrow, try and play as well as I can and hopefully get a little bit of luck on the greens and a few putts drop, just have to see what happens.