

AARON BADDELEY (-5)

Q. So now three rounds on the Seaside course, look like it's going to be cold and windy tomorrow, maybe firming up a little bit going into the weekend. Are you happy with your ball-striking, because that's really what you need out there?

AARON BADDELEY: Yeah, exactly. Definitely I feel the most comfortable that I've ever felt in my career with my ball-striking, so it's nice. I actually prepare it to be tougher, you know, because I feel like that would help me. So it's nice to have that confidence. And just looking forward to the next three days and just keep making some birdies and just keep picking off pars, because the weather's going to be the same as today where you have to make a bunch of pars and a few birdies.

Q. Now, being an Aussie, are you watching some of the coverage from the Australian Open in the evenings this week or are you just trying to put out of your mind the fact that you're here and you really need to have a terrific performance this week?

AARON BADDELEY: Yeah, no, I think I'll switch it on and watch some. I downloaded the app, too, so I could follow everybody and as soon as I got up this morning I could check the scores.

And I definitely miss being down there, but also love being here, so it's like a Catch 22. Excited for this week, I love playing here, I love this tournament. Davis does a great job here. But also miss Australia and the Australian Open, too. If you choose one or the other, it's a win for both of them.

Q. Just get some comments on your round if possible.

AARON BADDELEY: It was just a solid day. Hit the ball really well, drove the ball nicely. Probably hit pretty much the majority of the greens in regulation, which is nice out there, just takes the stress off, especially on a windy day where you've got to judge the wind properly. It's just a solid day.