

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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TYRRELL HATTON (-4)

Q. Tyrrell, a lovely way to start your tournament here at the WGC Mexico, a round of 67. How pleased are you how you performed out there?

TYRRELL HATTON: I'm pretty happy with the score. Have good and bad memories from last year, so looking to have a good start, and obviously 4 under's a nice way to start the tournament and hopefully I can continue that way.

Q. Tell us a little bit about that actually because, you know, unfortunately we all remember the spike mark, and the little piece on social media that you did yesterday as well.

TYRRELL HATTON: Yeah.

Q. Coming back here, though, you could say, "Oh, well that's a tough memory, but how nice is it to know that you've got the number of a golf course like you clearly do here?"

TYRRELL HATTON: Yeah, I feel comfortable here. I like how the course kind of suits my eye. To be honest, it's pretty tough to hole putts on these greens. It's fortunate we were first out today. You could see 17 and 18 are like the softest greens on the course and looked like about 200 hundred people had walked over them. It's tough for the later guys. But like I said, I feel comfortable here, so if I can hole some putts, I should have a good week.

Q. Finally, so much talk obviously about the altitude, you guys trying to find the formula to dial it all in. How well have you coped with it and how much work did you do in the lead-up to this first round in trying to get it all sorted?

TYRRELL HATTON: I feel like we struggled a little bit at times, which is easy because the wind's kind of swirling around. It's very easily a half club. We had that a few times on the front nine. It was a little bit better on the back nine. Yeah, I think we're just -- we've got a metres book this week and we're taking five percent off that and playing that number really.

Q. Tyrrell, opening round 67, three shots better than this time last year. How did you find it today?

TYRRELL HATTON: Yeah, obviously it's a good start. Greens were quite smooth on the front nine. Obviously we were first out. But overall pretty happy with how I played. Hope I can keep going for the rest of the week.

Q. We always love the way you wear your heart on your sleeve. We thought we might have seen a moment for one minute there on 15 after the bunker shot, but we came back to your putt. Obviously the ball had rolled down.

TYRRELL HATTON: Yeah, I mean, I semi-duffed the shot anyway, to be fair, but it kind of bounced right and then somehow (inaudible), which is where I duffed it. I'm thinking it's just stopped on the hill and all of a sudden it's rolling down the hill. It's a regular occurrence for me to look like a numpty on the golf course, so I guess that was another fine moment. It was nice to see it go close and nice to hole the putt, I guess.

Q. You've come just off the back of some pretty tough conditions. Obviously you've got a bit nicer climate, but also the altitude. Is it any different to last year?

TYRRELL HATTON: No. To be fair, I actually thought the greens were a little bit more consistent this year compared to previous years where, you know, it was a little bit of luck with how the ball reacted on the greens, whether it bounced forward, whether it just stopped. I feel like that's a bit more consistent this year, which is nice. But they are a little bit -- they are quite soft underfoot, so I guess the spike marks show up a bit more. But they're running at a nice pace, so that's definitely a good thing.

Q. Speaking of spike marks, lastly, that's something you don't have to contend with this year.

TYRRELL HATTON: I know, but I still feel sort of like I don't want to tap them down in a way, it just feels wrong. But I guess it's something that we'll all get used to as it's still new for everyone.