

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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IAN POULTER (-6)



Q. Well, I'm alongside Ian Poulter here. Ian, a pair of 3-under pars, but they say quite often a good round starts with a bogey. You really went to town with it today, a double bogey to start. How pleased are you with the comeback?

IAN POULTER: Very pleased. Yeah, double bogey's not the way you want to get off to a start on this golf course. It's a tricky course. I mean, we've seen guys in the trees a lot, that's what I did down the right-hand side. So good bounce-back, made seven birdies today and obviously put myself nicely in position and I quite enjoy this place.

Q. Leading that stat in birdies, also leading strokes gained approach. We're just going to show you a shot into 13, the par 3. What is it about the iron play, because this was pinpoint. What's working so well, Ian?

IAN POULTER: Well, I feel pretty good, so I never realized it hit the pin. I mean, it was 5-iron straight on line.

Q. Nearly hits the pin.

IAN POULTER: Nearly hits the pin. It was close, it was close anyway. It was a lovely 5-iron in there to about six feet, rolled that in. I feel good. It's nice to play WGCs, it's nice to play well. I've been in a run of form, obviously sixth, third, sixth the last few events and hopefully we can kick on from here and have a good weekend.

Q. You're good at these WGCs as well. Following on social media, we were (inaudible) and you're still back in Orlando getting ready. How important to you now slightly later in life is it to make sure you're rested to make sure you're at your best going into big events like this?

IAN POULTER: Good point. I really value time at home. Spend as much time away from the kids as we do, I don't want to come away. So no pro-am is a big benefit to us being able to play a casual 18 holes on a Wednesday. So that's why I chose obviously to come Tuesday afternoon, get in for the evening, bite to eat, have a look at the course obviously Wednesday, hit probably a couple hours' worth of balls on TrackMan to find out the altitude difference, so calibrate from there. I haven't really had too many issues with that over the first couple days. So it's nice, extra day at home, only been away for a few days, and obviously we'll be back on Sunday night.