

ROUND 3 INTERVIEW
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IAN POULTER (-8)



Q. Ian, round of 69 today. How did you find it?

IAN POULTER: I thought it was pretty good. Could have converted a couple more putts today, but overall I played -- I played some good golf today. So, one mistake, one bogey, which was frustrating. And I chipped it on the par 3 to about three feet, hit what I thought was a good putt and kind of bobbled it a little left. So, you're going to get that a couple of times this week, the greens will putt soft. So, I'm overall pretty happy with the round.

Q. I know you would have liked to have taken a few more shots off the course, but in an uncharacteristic day, where we've seen a lot of guys 3- and 4-putting, to make as many clutch putts as you did with birdies and pars, you must be happy with it.

IAN POULTER: Yeah, I'm happy. My game has got better as the week's gone on, even though my scoring hasn't quite said so. So I felt that I hit it better today than I did yesterday, even though yesterday's score was a lot better. So hopefully that trend keeps going and I play well tomorrow, hole a few putts, and see if I can run up the board.

Q. How do you find the fans, playing your first WGC in Mexico? Obviously the altitude, it's different.

IAN POULTER: I was at this altitude two weeks ago skiing, so from that perspective, it's absolutely fine. I feel quite at home. From a perspective of the fans, I have to say they absolutely love me. It's been quite refreshing. I mean, the reception I have had on every hole, the kids -- you know, the kids giving it one of these. It's been brilliant. So I have really enjoyed coming to play, and I'm popping off this afternoon any minute. Rory and Henrik and I are going to go off to see a few little baby tigers and lions.

Q. Speaking of tigers and the leaderboard at the moment, I mean, DJ is obviously having one of those incredible weeks. Where do you see yourself tomorrow? Just keep things going?

IAN POULTER: I don't think he's made many bogeys at all this week. From looking at the board, I don't think he's made one in two days. I haven't seen how he's going today, I know he's 14 under, so he's the man to chase down. And it's one of those golf courses, if you hit a couple of shots offline, you can find yourself chasing because you feel like you're going to drop a few shots. On the other hand, if you play great golf and hit it the right side of the pins, the golf course kind of opens up for you. So DJ has played some great golf. He's the guy to chase.