

**ROUND 1 INTERVIEW**  
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**RYAN FOX**

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**Q. Ryan, so many things to ask you right now, but first of all, congratulations again on your win last week. Did you get any time at all to celebrate?**

**RYAN FOX:** I had a little -- I was planning on a fishing trip last week, and I actually got a day out on Tuesday, I think I was sixth or seventh reserve at the start of the week. So, you don't think you're going to get in a WGC from that far away. So, I did get one day off. And I might have had a couple of glasses of wine in there. But it's been a pretty hectic last four or five days.

**Q. You certainly made a lot of news obviously with the very late call to come over here. Tell us what happened as soon as you got off the phone.**

**RYAN FOX:** It was actually a tough decision. I've got the New Zealand Open next week. It's the 100th New Zealand Open, which is a really big event for me. And it was -- we were tossing up, do we come here with no preparation and then needing preparation for the New Zealand Open. But in the end, it's WGC.

I'm playing all right. I could get here on Wednesday night. So, the decision was to come here. And I tossed the ball the first round thankfully, and hopefully feel a bit better for the rest of the week.

And now I have seen the golf course, I've played a little bit better too.

**Q. I was going to say now you have seen it. You didn't see it before. What did you do for preparation? Were you on the plane like Googling the course, or --**

**RYAN FOX:** No. I got the manager to drop yardage books in the hotel room last night when we checked in. And there's a Kiwi boy up here that's caddying for Jake McLeod, did really well. He sat down with us last night and sort of went through the course a little bit with -- my coach is caddying for me this week. And we sort of mapped out a little bit of a plan and decided to play fairly conservatively off the tee around here, just -- it looks like there's some lines you can take the golf course on, but not having seen it, it's pretty hard to do that. So, I tried to stay out of trouble as much as possible today.

**Q. We did feel for you this morning, obviously, had the second earliest tee time. Did you manage to get any rest at all?**

**RYAN FOX:** Yeah, I fell asleep at 10:30, no problem, and woke up wide at midnight, and took a sleeping pill about half past 1:00, and didn't know what planet I was on when the

alarm went at 7:00 this morning.

So, I actually felt all right for most of the round, and it sort of really hit me on sort of 13, 14, and kind of felt drunk almost the last five or six holes. I didn't really -- limbs flying everywhere. The head was -- you know, was lightheaded. And I hung on pretty well. Holed a couple of decent putts coming home, just to limit the damage a little bit.

**Q. 72 is not bad going, especially given what you have been through the last 36, 48 hours. With the altitude and of course the jet lag, what are you going to do between now and tomorrow?**

**RYAN FOX:** I'm going to hit some balls now, just to stay awake, I think. I have got some caffeine ready to go as well, and hopefully I can make a past dinnertime tonight and get a good sleep. Thankfully a little later tee time tomorrow. I don't need to -- I actually came to the golf course early today to do some yardages on TrackMan, because I had no idea how far it was going to go. So, at least I don't have to do that tomorrow, I can spend an extra couple hours in bed, and hopefully can feel a little bit better.

**Q. Very well played. Well done.**

**RYAN FOX:** Thanks.