

**ROUND 2 INTERVIEW**  
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**GRAEME McDOWELL**  
**IAN POULTER** (-18)

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**Q. Alternate shot is tricky, but especially with today's winds changing directions, picking up in some places. How difficult was it out there?**

**GRAEME McDOWELL:** Funny enough, Ian and I were talking about it yesterday, we wanted a tougher day today because we needed to make a move. I think through eight holes we were 4 under today in modified alternate and that's what we were in scramble yesterday, so we knew we were doing okay. We both played really well today, played solidly. A big key to this format is just getting two balls in play off the tee so they have some options. And we hit some great iron shots and anytime you're playing partner format with this guy, it's always fun when he's in the mood. Obviously his Ryder Cup record speaks for itself and he was in the mood today, so it was fun.

**Q. Do you have a comment about that, being in the mood?**

**IAN POULTER:** It was nice. I mean, G-Mac said it, I'm always in the mood. It's just not always the right mood.

**GRAEME McDOWELL:** A mood.

**IAN POULTER:** A mood. It was good. To play with G-Mac, we played quite a bit of golf together and this format lends itself to us. It was windy; we needed some wind. Seventeen under par yesterday was an incredible score even in a shamble format. We needed to be able to pick up a few shots today. We've done it in the wind. We've obviously timed the gap to the front, and obviously if we can go out there tomorrow and play like we should, then hopefully we can go close.

**Q. Really quickly, you guys have seen a lot of each other over the years. In alternate shot, that's when you really get to know your partner. Is there anything you learned about him this week, first time you guys teeing up here?**

**IAN POULTER:** Yeah, maybe he just needs to have a couple glasses of wine tonight like the other couple of nights.

**GRAEME McDOWELL:** He had a couple last night as well, so he's not getting away with that.