

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
May 6, 2021



DARREN CLARKE (-6)

Q. Still a very nice day overall, 6 under. You're the first-round leader in the clubhouse.

DARREN CLARKE: I hit some good shots. Ball-striking wasn't quite where I wanted it all day, but hit some really good shots. Had a couple good looks at eagle on the par 5s, didn't make them. All in all, 6 under par is a pretty decent start.

Q. How is the course holding up just with the rain?

DARREN CLARKE: The course is amazing. You know, after whatever we had, six and a half inches of rain the other day, to go out there -- I mean, all credit to the course superintendent and his whole crew to get the course as good as it was. The greens were pure. There was a couple wet areas, but overall the course was fabulous.

Q. Does like a major on this tour, do you get a little more jacked up?

DARREN CLARKE: Yeah, majors are -- majors are majors, it doesn't make any difference which tour they're on. You want to play well. You ask Tiger Woods, you ask Rory McIlroy, you ask Dustin, you ask Mr. Nicklaus, you ask anybody, majors are what they all want, and it's the same out here. We all want them, too. There's a little bit of added excitement, four-round tournament. I think it's the first tournament I've walked since Pebble Beach last year, so my legs are a little bit sore. Going to go down to the range, do a little bit of work and then relax and get ready for tomorrow again.