

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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DARREN CLARKE (-7)

Q. Darren, 7 under, tied for the lead heading into Saturday. Just your thoughts on today?

DARREN CLARKE: Yeah, again, didn't play particularly well today at all. It was a grind again. Just try to hang in there. It's a four-round tournament as opposed to three, so obviously important to just hang about there and try to give myself a chance come Sunday afternoon on the back nine.

Q. How is like a four-round event, how much different is it?

DARREN CLARKE: Yes, you sort of, you know, with a regular event being a three-round one, you get after it from the very start. You just have to because if you get behind the eight-ball early, you shoot level par, you're out of the tournament. Four-round tournaments are a little bit more -- we're used to doing it playing the regular tours where you sort of jockey for position and you try to keep yourself in there and give yourself a chance. And that's all you can do, try to give yourself a chance on Sunday afternoon on the back nine to win the tournament, in any tournament, but especially in a four-round one. With it being a major here this week, that's what I'm trying to do.

Q. What are your thoughts on this golf course?

DARREN CLARKE: The golf course is good. The golf course is tricky. It gives you opportunities, but it doesn't take much of a bad shot to put yourself in a really tricky position, make bogey or double very, very easily. So it's an exciting golf course in that there's a lot of risk-reward, the par 5s especially. But if you do make a bad swing, you know, you're going to make double and you're thinking you almost lost three shots to the field because you're thinking the field's made 4 and you've made 7. So it's challenging. There's a few shots you've got to stand there and hit and be counted for. Today for me, unfortunately, I was sort of playing away from the trouble a little bit because I didn't quite have it again today. Hopefully the answer will be in the dirt on the range.