

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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CALLUM TARREN (-5)



Q. Callum, 5 under par, tied for the lead right now, excellent start. If we can get some comments on your play.

CALLUM TARREN: Yeah, I played pretty solid all day really. I gave myself plenty of chances from the fairway. I made kind of a soft bogey at my first hole, No. 10, short-sided myself and obviously made bogey, but apart from that, hit plenty of fairways and just gave myself lots of chances and rolled a few putts in. But I played really solid all day and I'm excited for the next few days.

Q. Really nice one to close the round there at the last hole as well. Just take us through that.

CALLUM TARREN: Yeah, so I actually wanted to hit 8-iron and the wind just picked up a teeny little bit, so I went back and forth with my caddie and he said, look, just hit 7-iron. We picked a great line out 20 feet right of the flag. I hit it to probably 25 feet and rolled it in, which is always a nice bonus to finish with a birdie.

Q. Talk a little bit about where you played college not too far from here. You love this area, don't you?

CALLUM TARREN: Yeah, I played at Radford, which is about four hours south of here, I believe. I haven't played much tournament golf up this way, professional tournament golf. When I got here on Monday, I just -- for some reason it just suits me, it fits my eye. And the condition of the golf course is out of this world. I said to my caddie, this is another golf course that fits my game, so let's go and have a solid week. Started off in a good way, so I'm excited.

Q. And even though it is a few hours away as you mentioned, but some of the boys from the team came up to see you?

CALLUM TARREN: Yeah, so a lot of them live up here now. I think there was six or seven guys out from the team that I played in between 2010 and 2014, so it was good to see them. I haven't seen them for a while, so it's nice to see some familiar faces and it's always nice to have some good friends supporting you around the way. It makes me feel relaxed and yeah, doing the right things.

Q. Do you feel like maybe you got the good end of the draw? We don't know how tomorrow's going to play out at this point, but the early-late with some weather coming in possibly tomorrow?

CALLUM TARREN: I actually didn't know that. I haven't checked the weather, so I didn't know there was going to be some weather. Yeah, I mean, the conditions today were flat calm pretty much. There was a little bit of wind, but like you say, if you can drive it in the fairways out here, you can be aggressive not all the time, but at certain flags and I think it does yield a lot of birdies if you hit it in the fairway. If you don't, then it's a totally different beast. Sometimes you can't even get it to the green from your lies. I think I'm just happy with the start I've made. I've struggled the last -- well, since I got out here to start well and have a good first round, but I've always battled back and it's nice to just start well.