

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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JUSTIN WALTERS (-6)



Q. We spoke yesterday and you said you thought scoring would be low. Four birdies and an eagle today, 6 under, how do you feel after that?

JUSTIN WALTERS: Great. Anytime you can do that and also not give anything back to the course is a good day. Especially big adjustment coming from Ireland, there we're a lot cooler and here it's been baking hot and drying off the sweat and just dealing with oppressive heat. Obviously a different tour, new faces, don't have my caddie, don't have any of my support group here but just my wife and we did a good job today.

Q. How did you get on with your wife as caddie today?

JUSTIN WALTERS: Yeah, we have a good record actually. The last time she caddied for me we finished second down in South Africa and she did a few on the Challenge Tour when I got my card in 2013, so we did pretty good. She just kind of tells me to get on with it really. She's quite quiet. Maybe sometimes it's good if you're doing everything on your own, it gets you quite present and into the shots, so maybe that helped me today.

Q. When you started, Ricardo was in the clubhouse with a really low number. Was that in your mind coming out there knowing there was a score?

JUSTIN WALTERS: Not really, I didn't really look at the leaderboard too much. Last night I knew there was going to be a score something similar to that so I just expected. When I did glance and see, it was actually nice to see a familiar name up there.

Q. And could you just talk us through the eagle on 15, please?

JUSTIN WALTERS: Yeah, sure. No. 15, you've got to go a lot further right off the tee than it looks, so there's a tree off the tee that pushes you left. I did that in a practice round, so today I kind of took it on a little bit and it gave me a really good angle to the left flag. I was in between 6 and 7 and I busted a 7 right online seven feet and rolled it in.