

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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CALLUM TARREN (-6)



Q. Callum, how would you characterize that round today?

CALLUM TARREN: Just pretty solid really. I hit plenty of fairways and plenty of greens, and then I rolled a few putts in, which was nice. It was kind of stress free, which was good.

Q. How difficult when it's cold like this to keep your hands warm, to keep the feel of the club and post a round like you did today?

CALLUM TARREN: Yeah, it's tough. I had some huge mitts on, hand warmers, three layers. We actually had a 20-minute wait on hole 3, so all three of us said how cold it just got, but we were just standing around. You've just got to try to keep as warm as you possibly can and just try to get it in play.

Q. What was the biggest thing, what was the best thing you did today?

CALLUM TARREN: I think my approach play. I haven't looked at any stats, but proximity to the hole I think I'll be up there from that round today because I seemed to have a lot of chances. I think I missed two greens all day, which is pretty good out there in the wind.

Q. What have you learned this year playing the PGA TOUR about yourself, about your game, about how to go about everything out here?

CALLUM TARREN: I think I've learned about myself that I actually belong out here. After a rough start last season, took me a while to get going and then when I did, I had a strong finish to the end of the season. It gives me confidence to obviously come into this year, this season.

It's been a bit up and down the first few events. I think I played well in Sanderson, finished 13th, and then last week 25th or 26th, which was a good week. But there's been some average weeks in there as well. My game's always there or thereabouts, it's just piecing it all together in the same week, which it's hard to do, but when I do, I feel like I can contend and have a chance to win.

Q. Is that the biggest thing you got, a little bit of confidence that if you have a few rough weeks, you know that the good weeks are still there to come?

CALLUM TARREN: Definitely. I mean, last year was the prime example for that. Missing the first eight cuts in your rookie season's never a good thing, but to obviously then retain my full card for this year, yeah, it gave me a lot of confidence. Like you say, it's all ever

around the corner, you've just got to stay patient. You can't get too down on yourself and same when you're playing well, you can't be riding a high horse all the time, you've just got to stay on an even keel and just keep chipping away every week.

Q. Callum, I think you just did a podcast with Paddy the Baddy?

CALLUM TARREN: Yeah, I did.

Q. How much fun was that and just tell me about how that went.

CALLUM TARREN: Yeah, it was. It was kind of a surprise because someone from the media team reached out to me and asked me if I'd do it. I'm a huge fan of his, huge fan of the UFC, so it was good, we had some good banter.

Q. Any similarities between UFC and golf that maybe you guys talked about at all?

CALLUM TARREN: Yeah, it's an individual sport, isn't it, and like I say, it can get lonely at times. It's difficult to, when it's not going well, just to keep your chin up. Like Paddy was saying, it's an individual sport, so you've got to have a good team around you to try to help you. But like I say it's all down to you at the end of the day to hit them golf shots and then he's got to take someone down in that cage, which is just crazy.