

**ROUND 1 INTERVIEW**  
**February 9, 2023**

**PAUL BROADHURST (-3)**



**Q. OK, Paul, off to a great start after round one. What was working for you today?**

**PAUL BROADHURST:** Everything really. You know, if I missed the green, I chipped it fairly close. I mean, I played a really solid front nine, 3 under on the front was pretty good. I had a couple of chances and converted them. Made a good birdie on 9.

No. 10's probably the toughest second shot you're going to play out here so, you know, got unlucky kind of down there with my bogey. Then missed the fairway on 11, it's never good going second shot into 11 out of the rough. I managed to get up and down out of the trap. I just got unlucky on 15. I pushed my tee shot, knew it was in the trap, but I was expecting to just have a wedge out onto the green and I got up there and I'm plugged in the face like six inches from the top of the trap. So I chopped it out and I don't know, I was just still thinking about how unlucky I was and stuff and then totally fatted a wedge into the trap for my third and ended up making a good bogey. But I birdied 17 to sort of rescue it a little bit.

**Q. That was a nice fist pump after a bogey.**

**PAUL BROADHURST:** Yeah. Well, it was -- you know, the fist pump was just to keep the momentum going. You can handle bogeys, but you can't do doubles around here. It's a tough course. You can get away with a bogey, but double, you're struggling to get those back.

**Q. Do you think the mindset is being patient with yourself knowing it's a tough course?**

**PAUL BROADHURST:** Yeah. I've been lucky so far, I haven't hit it into too many bad positions. You can really wrong side yourself around here. In the pro-am yesterday it was pretty much the same, just keep that going for another two days. I don't know whether it's being defensive or just playing for an edge. Certainly you can't go through the greens, through the greens you've got no shot normally. You know, my course management's been pretty good so far, so try and keep that going over the weekend.

**Q. And just being back in Morocco?**

**PAUL BROADHURST:** Yeah, I've been coming here for 25 years probably. I know it's a tough course. Not sure I've ever done that well around here, but I do drive it a lot straighter now than I used to when I used to come here, which makes it a lot easier. Yeah, if I keep the ball in play, keep it the right side of the flag, make a few putts, who knows.



**Q. Is it more mentally draining than physically?**

**PAUL BROADHURST:** Yeah. I mean, it's a long walk around anyway. I don't know what yardage we're playing at, it's probably about seven, seven-one maybe, but we're walking the full distance. We may not be playing the back tees, but it's something like seven-six off the back, so it's just a long walk as well. So yeah, I'm going to go back and rest now.

