

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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SANDY LYLE (-8)

Q. That was a great start to the week. First year over here at this course, how did it go the first day? Clearly pretty well.

SANDY LYLE: Yeah. I mean, clearly with the scores. I think Stephen Ames was sort of off to a hot start and I was doing much the same thing. He also made a 1 on one of the earlier holes, our fourth or fifth hole we played. So that just kind of set the tone of things to come.

Yeah, surprising, I just kept knocking some wedges quite close and never really put the putter under pressure. Putter worked well, way below 30 putts today, which is what you need when you need the low scores and try to win a tournament. You can't go out there and shoot those 33 and 32 putts, it doesn't happen. Today was one of the good days and I might even have a few beers at the bar before I go and drive home.

Q. Is this how low you would have anticipated scores going on the first day?

SANDY LYLE: I kind of sensed that there was probably going to be some low scores on this course, because if you do drive it, the balls are -- all pretty wide fairways, greens are smallish in places, but smooth. I had a feeling there would be some low scores, but probably the scoreboard tells you there's a lot of 3 unders, 4 unders.

Q. And the weekend's going to be --

SANDY LYLE: Oh, sure, sure. I haven't seen Mr. Langer yet. His name will probably start to appear on the board fairly soon.

Q. Did you see this? For yourself, did you see this coming?

SANDY LYLE: After last week, I kind of fought with my swing most of the week, inconsistencies and poor timing. It wasn't good, no. And then I kind of fanned a few on the range, just literally, not more than half an hour before I was teeing off and that kind of set the tone. I was bringing in the patent shot a lot tighter, better timed and driving it well. Hopefully maintain it for the rest of the week.

Q. When you're playing with someone who's kind of setting the pace like Stephen was, does that kind of help you?

SANDY LYLE: It's easier said than done. "Oh, we get dragged along and go with the flow kind of thing." I think we have very similar games length-wise and that. Billy Andrade is very similar, so they're all a good bunch to play with. Yeah, it was nice.