

**DARREN CLARKE ( -13)**

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**Q. Incredible tournament for you.**

**DARREN CLARKE:** Yeah. I worked really hard in the offseason down in the Bahamas to try to get myself ready to come out. In Boca I played nicely, and I played nicely in Naples, and today grinding a little bit in places. And then had some great shots on the par 5s that just went the wrong way for me. Making that on the last, it's great. I'm having a blast out here on the Champions Tour, I'm really enjoying myself. Working hard at it and at the same time enjoying myself, so it's all pretty good at the moment.

**Q. So between the PGA TOUR and PGA TOUR Champions, this is your highest finish since you won The Open. Is that hard to believe?**

**DARREN CLARKE:** Yeah, I think I might have finished second in Japan, South Africa. I know what you mean. Yeah, you know, sometimes that's just golf. I've always been a worker. You put the hours in, put the hours in, and you hope for times that it turns around. From Boca and Naples, again this week, I feel things are coming back in the right direction. I've still got plenty to work on, but certainly it's great to get my year off to a pretty good start.

**Q. Do you feel like you've changed a bunch since your Boeing debut until now?**

**DARREN CLARKE:** Oh, yeah, massively. You know, those ones at the end last year, whenever I played was me sort of getting my feet wet. I was just sort of figuring out what the guys do. And I wasn't surprised how good they are, I wasn't surprised how good the scoring is. You've just got to play really, really well. I don't think the public out there actually realizes how good the guys actually play. If you're not on the ball, you're going to get swept aside. You've got to play, you've got to go low, and if you want to compete, that's what you have to do.

**Q. How about 18? I didn't see it, I was standing up here waiting for you, but you putt for birdie, right?**

**DARREN CLARKE:** Yes. I holed a long one there across the last green and got very fortunate. A very Tom Lehman-ish putt on the last green. It was nice. I hit a massive drive on 17 and pitched it in front of the bunker, right at the top. Carries two inches, it's going stiff, and came back in the bunker and made 5. I guess 18 just evened out. It doesn't always even out, but today it did.

**Q. How long was that putt?**

**DARREN CLARKE:** A long way up the hill. Took it a long time to get to the hole, Jackie. I'm not so sure.