

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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DARREN CLARKE (-4)

DARREN CLARKE: I had one of those days where I walked off the golf course and couldn't have been a shot better as opposed to coming off the golf course thinking what score I should have shot, so it was a very pleasant change. I'm fighting my swing a little bit, but if I want to do any better in the tournament I'm going to have to play a little bit better than I did today. I scored well, I didn't play particularly well.

Q. You had some success here back on the Japan Golf Tour. Just talk a little bit about coming back to Japan and your thoughts on the country and your experiences.

DARREN CLARKE: Yeah, I used to play here an awful lot. We used to come over here and play Dunlop Phoenix every year and VISA Taiheiyo up in Gotemba and one at The Crowns in Nagoya as well.

But I love Japan. The people are so polite and so nice, the food's great, everything about the golf courses are always pristine. I think you ask any of the guys that are here this week and they'll say the course is just, condition-wise, just off the charts. I enjoy -- being from Europe, we travel anyway, that's what we do, and then when we come back to Japan again, it's always a pleasure to come back.

Q. Do you think the rain impacted your play at all today?

DARREN CLARKE: No, I'm used to it, I'm from Ireland. It's just a little bit warmer. But no, it was a tricky day and I just -- I got it around, that's the best part.

Q. Still a good score.

DARREN CLARKE: I know, I know.