

**MICHAEL WRIGHT POST-ROUND 2 PRESS CONFERENCE**  
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**Michael – great playing today, what was the key to your round?**

I think getting off to a good start. For the past few weeks, I've gotten off to an ordinary start and that's really hurt me; I felt like I was behind the 8-ball. Today, I got off to, it felt like, a real hot start because it was comparatively, a couple under through 5 or 6 or something. That just gave me the confidence to build a bit of momentum and just sort of press on.

**Was there anything different in your warmup today?**

I did a little bit. I felt a little bit better warming up today. My body felt a little better and the ball just compressed a little more on the range. But that doesn't mean anything, that's happened plenty of times before and you know, you strike it real well on the range and come out on the course and you can't hit your hat. And then the vice versa, there have been plenty of times where I've warmed up terribly and then come out and couldn't miss a shot. But I think it's got to help just with the confidence starting off with a good range session for sure.

**Michael, the course is drying out and getting hard and fast. Is that the way you like it?**

It is. Back in Australia, we play a lot of our big tournaments with hard, fast greens that feel like this concrete we're standing on. I think it plays into my hands a little bit, I've got a little bit of experience with the way the ball sort of bounces and releases. Of course, it'd be a lot easier if it was softer, but then it's just a game of darts, so you've got to think your way around a little bit more, which I enjoy. I enjoy a little bit of wind as well, it provides a little bit of a challenge, so I'm just having a blast just being out here, just having the ability to play, I'm loving it!

**How much fun are you having?**

I got to pinch myself every day. I'm just having a blast. I mean, to be out here and play against these guys that I've sort of watched on TV for many years, it's a dream come true and I'm just glad I can play, sometimes, to the best of my abilities. So hopefully we can continue that tomorrow.

**What would a win mean for you?**

That's too far in the distant future. I'm just going to play short and just have fun. If I can have fun, I'm happy as a pig in poop. \*laughs\*

**Apart from where you are on the leaderboard right now, is there anything distinctive about this week up to this point for you?**

I'm not making bombs from everywhere, but I'm putting solid. Cleanup putting is pretty decent. I made one of the best cleanup putts for bogey on 12 today that I have in a while. I had a four-footer probably slow out of right to left down the hill. Even though that was for bogey, that was a bit of a momentum swing for me because if I take double there, it's a bit of a punch to the solar plexus and I made it. And that really helped me and spurred me on, I had a great finish, just played really nice the last few holes.