



Louis Oosthuizen, Preview Interview

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Q. You've enjoyed some success in Malaysia in the past, so I'm sure you'll be keen to continue that run this week.

A. Yeah, hopefully. It's obviously a different golf course from 2012, but I always like coming to KL. I enjoy the climate and the courses here are usually great, so I'm looking forward to the week. I just need to get the game a bit sharper.

Q. How are energy levels after your long journey to get here?

A. I'm struggling to stay awake to be honest with you! I left my house (in Florida) at 4.50am on Sunday morning, but only arrived here at 9am this morning because I was delayed in New York and then again in Dubai. But I've got a day to rest up and get some sleep, so hopefully by tomorrow I should be fine and ready to go.

Q. Disappointing to miss the cut in Dubai, but you played much better in Qatar, particularly on the first day...

A. Yeah, although I lost my rhythm a little when the wind picked up on Friday, I struggled with my ball flight and when it's windy that's the last thing you want to happen. It was the same again on the first day in Dubai, I couldn't find the flight I was looking for. But I played a lot better on my final nine on Friday, when I struck it really well and made some good birdies, and even though it wasn't enough to make the cut I was still able to take a lot from it.

Q. The last time you had flight delays on the way to KL, you walked away with the Malaysian Open, so might that be a good omen?

A. Hopefully! Yeah we couldn't get out of Augusta on the Sunday night because the play-off [with Bubba Watson] finished quite late, so I didn't end up arriving until the Wednesday of the tournament. So at least this time I've given myself an extra 24 hours to prepare! But hopefully it's a good omen.

Q. Does the flight delay make you wish you'd left earlier?

A. No not really, I'm still here on Tuesday morning, so it's not that bad. I wasn't going to leave any earlier than Sunday morning, because if I'd left on the Saturday it would've made it a very long

week. So it's just one of those things, with the amount of travelling we do it's inevitable that it's going to happen some time or other. Hopefully I'll be fine by tomorrow.

Q. What do you make of the shorts rule, and are there any restrictions?

A. I think most golfers know what type of shorts are acceptable and what aren't. They obviously can't have pockets on the side or be too casual, they're still tailored and look smart. I think it's a great move by The European Tour, you feel a lot more comfortable in shorts and it helps you to relax a bit more, golf can be quite formal sometimes but when you're playing the Pro-Am in shorts, it makes it feel more like a casual round of golf with your friends. So I'm all in favour of it, especially when the weather's like this, and I think it's probably only a matter of time before the other Tours follow suit.