



Richard Bland, Second Round 65, aggregate total -11

Q. What are your thoughts on being 11 under at the halfway stage?

A. Very pleased, obviously. To go round here without dropping a shot in two days takes some doing. Hopefully I can continue the run going over the weekend.

Q. Your approach play in particular has been sparkling...

A. Yeah, I've struck my irons as well as I have for some time. I also picked up a new TaylorMade drive in Dubai, and it's added 15 yards to my drives. When you've got a shorter club in your hand, you can try to be a bit more aggressive.

Q. Sounds like love at first sight with the driver?

A. Yeah, pretty much after my first shot with it, I decided to throw the old one away. I drove it really well that week, and that's the case again here.

Q. How have you coped with the heat?

A. You've just got to get on with it. Apart from the locals, it's the same for everyone. It's tough, you feel clammy and sweaty and it's almost impossible to keep your club grips dry.

Q. It's a lovely position, isn't it?

A. Yeah, but Nathan's obviously playing well, I played with him at the Dunhill and he's a very impressive player. And Danny's also flying at the weekend, so I'm going to have to keep making birdies just to keep up.