



Mikko Ilonen, Third Round 64, aggregate total -9

Q. What was the key?

A. I think it was down to a chat I had with my coach last week. I didn't touch a club, we just sat chatting for half hour about short game shots out of the rough here, and that made the difference today. I spent a lot of time in the rough, but managed to get up and down every time except once, on the first. All the birdies were basically kick-ins, when I got dialled in I hit it really close. Then when I found trouble I got out of it.

Q. What was the difference to the previous two rounds?

A. There wasn't really a lot of difference. The main difference was that my good was really good today.

Q. When you started the round, you were a long way back. That's no longer the case now...

A. Yeah, the last three holes are playing tough today, so that may catch one or two people out. I'll probably need a little bit of help, but if I can go really low again tomorrow, I may have a chance.

Q. Am I right to assume this will do wonders for your confidence?

A. I'm feeling pretty confident over the ball anyway. Even though I wasn't always hitting it straight today, when I stood over the ball I felt good. And whatever the result is, I really don't care. It's how you feel over the ball that really matters, and at the moment I feel confident.