

# The Senior Open

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## Darren Clarke

### Quick Quotes

**Q. After two rounds, you look in complete control to us. Does it feel that way to you?**

DARREN CLARKE: Yeah, I was -- around the front nine today, I was so-so. I slipped. My right foot slipped a couple of times. But apart from that, I played really nicely. I'm trying to hit a lot of fairways and give myself decent looks. All the way around the back nine, I kept hitting nice shots. And could have been a few better. But, you know, it's the way it is.

**Q. We know how much you've grown up on links golf. It plays like a links course except the greens are soft, unlike last week.**

DARREN CLARKE: Well, there's a few flags that were out there today as well that you just cannot go after. You've got to hit away from those as well. So they're a little bit linky as well.

With the fairways being as good as they are, as tight as they are, you can really nip one. I got a little bit too much spin on the second shot into 17. But if you're striking the ball, you can still spin it quite a bit.

So it gives you opportunity. If you keep it in the fairway around here, you can score. But if you start missing the fairways, it's going to be a struggle because you're playing for fliers and the ball is releasing as much, you never know how far or short of the green or whatever. But the fact is so far I've done a decent job to get them on the fairways.

**Q. That shot on the 18th, how did you get that check when you're sort of pounding it straight into that bank and manage to go straight?**

DARREN CLARKE: You know, it's one of those ones that for me to get it to the flag -- I was thinking I was trying to make three, I wasn't thinking anything else, and I've got to -- it was like 2- -- I don't know what it was, 288 or something to get it all the way to the flag, and I've just got



to jump all over that 3-wood to actually get a chance. So no point there because it's not going to get there. So it's a risk that you take. And thankfully I hit it too low but very straight, so it stayed on the fairway. So it was nice.

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