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North Berwick, Scotland

The Renaissance Club

Ian Poulter

Quick Quotes

Q. 66, how pleased are you?

IAN POULTER: Yeah, it was blemish-free, and 66, it was a steady round of golf. No real silly mistakes. Wasn't overly pin hunting.

So you know, it was a decent start, 3-under through five, I think it was, and holed a long one on 2, which was really nice. And then from there, it was pretty steady. I didn't flush it. Like I didn't have my best but you know, I got it around the golf course in a good score.

Q. You've seen golf courses up here be fiery and damp. What were conditions like out there? It was a scoreable day, wasn't it?

IAN POULTER: It's as calm as I've seen any Scottish course play. I mean, it really was. It was bizarre. The flags aren't moving. So there was though real wind. We had rain the back end of last week and we had rain Monday, Tuesday, so it softened the course up and I think for the previous couple months, it wasn't much rain as all. It's definitely softened and that's why you see a lot of red scores today.

Q. I don't think you've been around much, have you, so what's it like to be back near in the U.K.?

IAN POULTER: Do you know, it is absolute heaven, I have to be honest: Bacon, sausage, proper English breakfast, proper cup of tea. I'm dying to go see Mum and Dad, Grandma, Granddad, it's been way too long, way, way too long. It's just a lovely time to be in the U.K. watching good sport, great football, and playing nice golf.

So Jackie Stewart, very kindly the Stewart family allowed me the use of a couple of pairs of their exclusive tartan, which only they can give you permission to do so, and they did. So to the whole Stewart family, they are donning his colors on the course. It's something I'm very proud of.

Q. Tell us your feelings about the football.



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IAN POULTER: It was amazing. It was absolutely amazing to watch the buzz, the fans, the atmosphere, to watch football with a couple of people just on television, the whole scenes afterwards. It's what the country needs. We all love sport and we really love our football. So to see an English team in the final at Wembley is pretty special.

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