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**Q. Just how tough -- let's actually just talk about the ninth hole and the two putts you had on the last. You said to me when you were walking off, the most difficult (inaudible) one you had for par. Just how difficult were those conditions as you finished up?**

**MATT FITZPATRICK:** Yeah, as we started it was brutal. We got to the front nine, there's a bit more cover so it wasn't quite as bad. Then those last few holes are back in the open and it was -- I'm glad the ninth was downwind at least. Yeah, five foot for birdie and a foot and a half for par and, yeah, I was scared to death of it. I honestly didn't know what to do, I've never had a putt like it.

**Q. You've played in conditions all over the world, I'm sure similar to playing in the U.K. Have you ever seen anything like the conditions you saw today?**

**MATT FITZPATRICK:** No, this is the hardest wind I've ever played in. You see winds like this, but normally you don't play in them. This was the hardest wind I've ever played in. I absolutely ripped a drive on 7. People are going to laugh at this because they probably think it's my normal tee shot, but anyway, I ripped it and it went 245. That's -- I think my season average last year was like 295. Just shows you how strong it is.

**Q. (Inaudible.)**

**MATT FITZPATRICK:** I was delighted. Yeah, I was delighted. I said before, me and Billy kind of said even getting in at 2 over, particularly with how the wind was early on, you wouldn't be sure if that would be good. Yeah, to finish level par, I'm just so happy to be done and just sort of have the rest of the afternoon to see what happens, and hopefully tomorrow the weather's better.

**Q. Were there shots that you made today where you literally didn't think you had control over?**

**MATT FITZPATRICK:** Yeah, there was loads, yeah, there was plenty. I mean, we were three, four clubs up every time on a yardage just trying to chip everything in there. There was just a couple that I maybe didn't quite strike very well and they just ballooned off into no-man's land.

**Q. The drive you hit on 18, I think the second you hit it was like, oh, my God, where's that going?**

**MATT FITZPATRICK:** Yeah, on 18 it was kind of -- a lot of the holes, fortunately for me, I just feel like I can just hit it and just find it again. There's a few wider ones. It's not great to be in the rough, but there's a few wider ones so it's kind of nice you can get away with it. Some of the holes are really tight holes. No. 4, I think, I mean I hit a poor drive there, but still had 7-wood in. There's some tough holes, and with the wind.

**Q. (No microphone.)**

**MATT FITZPATRICK:** Yeah, I had like a chip 4-iron to about 35 feet and I was absolutely delighted. I was delighted. There's a few shots I hit that were, yeah, I was just happy to get them on the green. That's kind of what it felt like today anyway.

**Q. Just happy to get the round over with?**

**MATT FITZPATRICK:** Oh, yeah, yeah, definitely, definitely.