

Olesen takes up where he left off

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Thorbjørn Olesen's hot streak showed no sign of abating as the Dane established a three shot clubhouse lead midway through the second round of the Lyoness Open powered by Greenfinity.

Before afternoon thunderstorms and heavy rain caused play to be abandoned for the day, Olesen continued the fine form he had shown during last week's Open Championship at Royal Lytham & St Annes, where he finished in ninth place to record his sixth top ten of the season.

The 22 year old, whose first European Tour title came at the Sicilian Open in April, resumed his first round this morning one shot behind Pablo Larrazábal, but swiftly joined the Spaniard at the top of the leaderboard on eight under par courtesy of a birdie at the 17th hole.

After a quick turnaround, Olesen signed for a second round of 68 to move to 12 under par and establish a three-shot lead over Frenchman Thomas Levet.

"There was quite a strong wind out there at times," said Olesen. "I struggled a bit round the turn and hit a few bad drives, but I managed to hit some good shots coming home, so I'm happy to get in on 12 under par. It's been a long day, but a very good one.

"I've been playing well for the past few months really, so I don't see any reason why I shouldn't win again. I'm just looking forward to the next two days now, hopefully I can get the job done."

David McKenzie is the best of the Australians in 13th position at 5 under through 36 holes although now seven shots behind the leader.