

FINAL ROUND INTERVIEW: WILLIAM McGIRT
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Q. What a great way to finish off this tournament with a nice 68 to finish the tournament minus 2, but you had a highlight there at No. 2. Take us through that one.

WILLIAM McGIRT: Yeah, it was a perfect 6-iron. I hit it and kind of flagged it. You know, you hit so many of them like that and they don't go in. Picked up the tee, I started walking. I wasn't even paying attention and I heard my caddie say, "Go in." I kind of glanced at the hole and just watched it top the hill and go in, you know, roll over the edge, and I didn't even know what to do.

Q. Celebration, high five?

WILLIAM McGIRT: I was kind of shocked. Give everybody a high five. I'm like hmm, all right. We were walking up to the green he looked at me and I said, you know, that's a helluva a way to play the hole even for the week, the only time I hit the green in regulation.

Q. How many holes-in-one for you now?

WILLIAM McGIRT: I think it's nine. You know, I've made three in competition now. I made two in one round in a charity event, didn't get either prize. That's a sore subject we won't talk about. Made a couple in practice rounds. I think today's nine.

Q. Well, congratulations on that. Give us an idea of the conditions today. Obviously it's a little steamier out there on the layout today.

WILLIAM McGIRT: Yeah, it's steamier but the ball's going farther. Fairways are still soft. The greens are starting to firm up a little bit. They've still got plenty of speed. Seemed like the last three greens were considerably slower, especially than yesterday but they seemed slower than the rest of the greens. You've still got to hit good shots. If you hit it above the hole, you're still playing defense. Just because you're underneath the hole putting uphill into the grain, it's not really a green-light putt. You run it four, five feet by and you've got some serious work to do. We made a bunch of eight- and 10-footers that are breaking between 10 and 15 inches. And all you're trying to do is breathe on them to get it moving. You can't fall asleep on anything out there today, for sure.

Q. Congratulations on your play. Go Terriers?

WILLIAM McGIRT: Yeah, go Terriers.

Q. Obviously you never want to make a bogey whether that's on 1 or 18, but any more disappointing because you had such a special round brewing to get those two late ones?

WILLIAM McGIRT: Yeah, that was a huge letdown because I knew if I could just finish par, par, par I would be close to the top 10. If I could sneak one more in, it was definitely going to be a top-10. It's starting to play tough with this wind blowing. I never expected to hit it 370 through the fairway on 16, especially cutting it, but it just runs over there, you've got really nothing. Hit a pretty good shot. I don't know how it was turning over as much as it was and kicks right, ends up in the fringe. Kind of started hopping out of there and leave it six feet short and the putt goes the other way. And 17 we watched Strebby hit 7-iron hole high. I hit 7-iron, landed on the front fringe and spun back into the rough. Still, I thought I hit a great chip and leave it about six feet short. There again, downhill sidehill putt, just didn't have as much pace as we thought.

But I made a good solid par on 18. There again I felt I was trying to get that putt past the hole so I would be putting back uphill and still left it five, six feet short. So those last three didn't seem near as fast as the rest of them out there. We had a couple putts, a couple of par putts there on like 11, 12, 13 in that area that, I mean, you're hitting eight-footers like they're two-footers and just hoping that it catches the hole. So it's definitely not playing easy out there.