

**Q. (No microphone.)**

**RORY McILROY:** Boring? I don't know. It was okay. I felt like I couldn't get into any sort of rhythm out there. I didn't get off to the greatest of starts. Felt like I sort of got it going a little bit around the turn, but then it was hard to get into any sort of rhythm then because Phil was sort of here, there and everywhere so I was waiting a lot. It probably shouldn't have affected me but it did a little bit. Yeah, it was tough to really get anything going. I was trying to make a few coming in, I just -- I put myself in decent positions, too. I just didn't. So I need to go out tomorrow, start fast, get off to an aggressive start and hopefully catch the guys up by the ninth. Looks like it will be a good shootout tomorrow anyways.

**Q. (Question about Sunday's playing partners.)**

**RORY McILROY:** Yeah, I mean I played with Dustin the first two days here as well, so obviously we see a lot of each other down in Jupiter. I think it makes it easier. It's a very comfortable group for all three of us. It's easy for us to go out there and we'll be a little more relaxed. We can chat, we can sort of stay a little bit looser than say -- well, even today, you know, I know Phil sort of but not really, so you don't really have as much interaction.

But yeah, I think it will be a good group tomorrow. I was just happy to get that final putt in. I wasn't hoping that Phil would miss it, but at the same time there was a chance that he was and then if I get in before him I'd be in the final group, so I just tapped that in. Yeah, I guess it's nice to be in the final group. It's nice to be able to keep an eye on the two that are ahead of me.

**Q. (No microphone.)**

**RORY McILROY:** Honestly, I think it was -- I was a little bit nervous going out today. I've been in position like this before dozens of times, but I don't know, coming off an injury and sort of the first time back in contention for a while, I was a little bit edgy the first few holes. Took me a while to settle into it. Hopefully now that I've got that out of my system today and in the final group, hopefully that will be a little bit easier tomorrow.

**Q. You mentioned earlier in the week sort you were happy with a top-10 or something like that. Does the expectation change tomorrow because you're in the final group?**

**RORY McILROY:** Yeah, of course. I think the expectation changed last night being in a great position going into the weekend. Yeah, things change. On Thursday morning I would have been delighted to be in this position tonight, but after what's happened the last three days I'm a little bit disappointed. But I've still got a great chance to win this tournament,

which is the most important thing.

**Q. (No microphone.)**

**RORY McILROY:** I mean it's nice to be in that last group. Not that you're really paying attention too much to what the guys are doing with you, but you can see what's going on around you a little bit. I've always been a leaderboard watcher so I like to know what's going on. You might have to change your strategy a little bit because of that and, as I said, it's nice to be in that final group.

**Q. Rory, were you involved in any of Phil's rulings and (inaudible)?**

**RORY McILROY:** I mean, no, I wasn't. I just sort of stayed out of it. I didn't know -- on 10 I went over because I didn't know what had happened. I guess someone had picked his ball up, so there was that. And then on 11, getting the drop from the irrigation system.

Then I hit one offline on 15 and I was like, this one's going to end up behind a tree or something, just be my luck one of these days. But yeah, Phil rode his luck out there, but jeez, if I was hitting it off the tee like he did today, there's no way I would shoot 68. I mean, (inaudible) 70, because that's the great thing about Phil, he don't get disheartened about something like that. Like I would be a mess if I was hitting it the way he was today. I guess that's the difference between us. I like to see it going down the fairway and playing nice that way, where he goes like this (motioning) and shoots two better than me, so there you go.

**Q. (Question about the fans.)**

**RORY McILROY:** Yeah, they're great, it's awesome. There's a lot of kids out here. It's great that they're letting kids in for free. I don't think I fit the sombrero, though. It's great, they're really good.