



Q. Rory, how would you assess your round?

RORY McILROY: It was okay. I felt like I could have got a lot more out of it. I think if I would have walked off today with a 65 or a 66, I would have felt that was a fair reflection of how I played. Left a few out there, but only three behind going into tomorrow and I can get off to a fast start and try and put a bit of pressure on the guys up ahead of me.

Q. Is your mentality to go after it tomorrow a little bit or are you -- you still need to be cautious on some of the holes?

RORY McILROY: Yeah, I think with how soft the golf course is and how good I'm playing and, especially where I'm hitting it off the tee, I can be as aggressive as I want to out there. I've seen some good improvements with my iron play over the past three days. Yeah, I think the plan is to go out and be aggressive, make a bunch of birdies and see where that leaves me.

Q. What's it feel like to hit a 364-yard drive into a divot?

RORY McILROY: I always try to say these things sort of even out. I had a chip-in on 12 that was quite fortuitous, and then that happens on 16. Same thing yesterday with the chip-in on 16 and then hitting the pin on 17, these things sort of even out, I guess.

Yeah, one of those things, it hasn't happened that often that I've hit a 360 and been in a divot, but yeah, hopefully tomorrow I get some good breaks and things go my way.

Q. You talked about the confidence with that club. I think you've just broken the record for most 300-plus drives through 54 holes here. Does it just free you up completely knowing that you are going to smash that thing down the middle every time?

RORY McILROY: Yeah, it does. I'm hitting the driver really well. When you're confident with it and you can go at it 100 percent, it feels good. It brings you back to three years ago when I was doing the same thing here. Hopefully that continues and I can keep it up, not just through tomorrow, but obviously into next week as well.

Q. When you did win, I believe you went out hot early Sunday morning to catch Sergio. Do you see that being the key?

RORY McILROY: Yeah, exactly. I was 3 behind going into Sunday last time and I think the took the lead by the 6th tee box. There's obviously a few more guys up around the lead this time around but I'm going to need to start like that again.

Q. Your irons, is it okay to say that they haven't been quite on target?

RORY McILROY: My wedges more than my irons. I felt like my iron play was good today. I think my iron play has improved as the week's went on, but more my wedges. Inside -- it's not even, there are some wedges I hit close today, but some where there's back pins and I'm trying to take a little bit off it. I need to remember to be aggressive with those. So a little bit of work to do, but everything feels like it's improved since the start of the week so that's a good thing.