

**ROUND 4 INTERVIEW**  
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**RORY McILROY ( -12)**

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**RORY McILROY:** Yeah, I've never liked helicopters, that's terrible. I'm so sad. Ironic given what LeBron did last night to pass him as well. Yeah, horrific.

**Q. Did you know him at all?**

**RORY McILROY:** No, no. Grew up idolizing him. First basketball team I really followed were the Lakers. He and Shaq played the Pacers I think it was 2000 Finals, that was sort of when I got into basketball. Jeez, yeah, terrible.

**Q. We've been asking players, there's an appreciation as a fan but it seems as competitors, every golfer seemed to look at him and appreciate just how much --**

**RORY McILROY:** His dedication, his drive, the fact that he would make his teammates wait on the bus for two hours while he set an example and worked hard and mastered his craft, and that's what he did, he was a pure master of what he did. That's just so sad.

**Q. Was there any sense on the course that something --**

**RORY McILROY:** Didn't know until -- we just found out, yeah.

**Q. To get back to the golf --**

**RORY McILROY:** Yeah, I shot 6 under for my last 14 holes. I'm happy with the fight that I put up today. Marc played an amazing round of golf to go out there somewhat in contention and shoot 65.

It was tough today, pins were tucked away a little bit, greens were maybe a touch firmer than they were the last few days, so for him to -- for him to go out there and shoot 65, yeah, really, really good playing. To shoot 69 myself and 3 under par after that start, I was trying to make eagle at the last to consolidate third on my own, but T-3's a good way to start the year.