

**SHANE LOWRY (-9)**

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**Q. Shane, you're on the outside looking in. How much did you need a round like today?**

**SHANE LOWRY:** Yeah, I suppose I did. I felt like I had a score like that in me yesterday, I was quite disappointed to shoot 2 under. It was nice to go out there and shoot a good score today. You know, it's kind of the best score I've shot in a while and I'm looking forward to the weekend. Obviously I'm outside the FedExCup number and outside of Boston next week, so I need to keep playing some good golf and try and polish off a good week this week and hopefully make it into next week then.

**Q. I think this is your first time playing this event, is that right?**

**SHANE LOWRY:** No, no, I've been here a few times. I had a good finish here, finished about 7th here a few years ago to just miss out on the Playoffs. I think I finished 127, missed out by a point or something.

Yeah, I love it here. It's nice to come to this golf course after the course we played last week. I feel like the course we played last week was just stand on every tee and whip driver out and hit as hard as you can whereas this course you have to kind of think your way around and I like that type of golf, so it's nice to be here.

**Q. How good does it feel to be back in contention to get a victory?**

**SHANE LOWRY:** Yeah, it's nice. I felt like I had somewhat of a chance in Memphis a few weeks ago, left a lot of chances out there on the front nine on Sunday and ended up having a decent week and finishing 6th. Yeah, I feel like my golf has been all right over the last couple of months, just I don't feel like, like last week at the PGA on Sunday, I just feel like I didn't get anything out of my game and ended up having a really bad finish. So hopefully I can get rewarded for some good golf this weekend and who knows what will happen.

**Q. What club did you hit on the par 5 where you made eagle?**

**SHANE LOWRY:** I hit a 4-iron out of the rough. So I missed the fairway left there yesterday and it's like the rough is really thick there, so I just made sure I hit it on the right today. The rough is a little more friendly down there, and I was in the rough and hit a perfect 4-iron and just came out perfect and went to about six feet.

**Q. Can you just explain the situation where you're sticking around for the U.S. Open, so if you happen to not make it to Boston, what are you going to do?**

**SHANE LOWRY:** I've actually got a little trip planned with some friends in Rhode Island next week if I don't make the Playoffs. Not that that's a win-win, but at least I have something to look forward to if that doesn't happen.

**Q. Is that golf?**

**SHANE LOWRY:** We will play some golf, yeah. A little bit, not much.