

COLIN MONTGOMERIE (-1)

Q. Good round.

COLIN MONTGOMERIE: Played great, played great, tee to green. I mean, really. That was like my era, really, the way I drove the ball. And I left a few putts out there.

And major golf, it doesn't matter if it's senior golf, junior golf, any golf, if you leave putts out there, you're not going to win. So I'm going to the putting green now to try and sort it out.

I started, what, three shots behind? I'm now one behind. So I'm getting there. Just a matter of playing a solid round of golf tomorrow. But I have got to putt -- if I can hole out -- if I can hole out, I have a chance of winning. And that's -- if you put yourself in a position on Saturday night, you're doing okay. So all okay, really.

Q. How about your irons in particular? I know you mentioned it, but they were really good.

COLIN MONTGOMERIE: Yeah, they were good today. They were good today, to hit the ball as close as I did, because it's not easy. The wind is blowing, the greens are firm, and it's difficult to get close to the hole. So, yeah, I hit my irons fantastic today, as well as I have ever done.

Q. Give me a thought on tomorrow and the opportunity.

COLIN MONTGOMERIE: Opportunity? Hey, that's what it is, isn't it? An advantage with our game is if it doesn't work tomorrow, I'll have an opportunity next week. It's great. And we are very fortunate. But given opportunity, one wants to take it, obviously. And I'm looking forward to trying to do that tomorrow.

Q. Is THE PLAYERS Championship an additional carrot?

COLIN MONTGOMERIE: Well, it is, considering it's now the only major of our year. It's the only major of 2020, you would like would be the only major champion. And also, I would love to get back to TPC. Of course, I love it. And I believe it's still available that the winner here gets an invite to TPC, and I would love to play there again. So we'll see what happens.