

**ROUND 3 INTERVIEW**  
**January 30, 2021**

**RORY McILROY (-7)**



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**Q. How would you describe your round today?**

**RORY McILROY:** I mean, I sort of walk off a little feeling like I didn't get that much out of my round, but looking at the scores out there it's actually pretty good. I think today was a day where you just sort of had to limit your mistakes and I did that really well. I had a three-putt bogey on 4 and then after that I played the rest of the golf course in 3 under on the way in.

I feel like the last two days I've come in saying I probably could have squeezed a few more out of the round, but at the end of the day it seems like a lot of people are struggling with short putts and the poa, it gets tricky, especially when it gets a little soft. The ball can start to wander a little bit on the greens.

Yeah, I mean, as I said, if I hadn't seen a leaderboard I probably would be a little disappointed, but seeing that a 70 is a pretty good score today, I'm pretty happy.

**Q. Going into tomorrow knowing how difficult that course is, can you be aggressive on that golf course?**

**RORY McILROY:** I think maybe I'm riding my luck a little bit at the minute, but the lies I've gotten in the rough haven't been too bad. There's been a couple that have been tough and you're having to just try to play to the front of the greens or whatever. I mean, I think if you get a similar day tomorrow like we do today, yeah, you can be pretty aggressive. The course is soft, maybe not all the par 5s are reachable, but I can still see -- you know, Carlos Ortiz went out there today and shot 66. I can definitely see something like that.

**Q. Could that be your mentality tomorrow, to maybe be aggressive, or just pick your spots as normal?**

**RORY McILROY:** Yeah, a little bit of both. I hit a terrible tee shot off 1 today and that sort of got into my head. I didn't drive it very well on the front nine, but once I saw a couple of good drives around the turn I got some confidence and started to hit it a bit better. Whatever I am back, I think I'm only three back at the minute, yeah, it's a great opportunity to go out and be aggressive and make a good start and get myself right in the mix.