ROUND 3 INTERVIEW April 3, 2022

PADRAIG HARRINGTON (-12)



Q. Padraig, you went low today. Can you just open with your thoughts on the round?

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: Yeah, you know, that was -- I suppose today was the round I wanted yesterday. Steven Alker, he's really pushed away there. I was hoping going out that I could shoot 8 under par to have -- to be close enough. Was close enough to second place. So look, I'm happy with the way I played. I had a good attitude, was always learning, learnt a bit from yesterday. It was a disappointing round yesterday not to shoot 2 or 3 under par, but nice to come back with 7 under today.

Q. You've been on the Champions Tour for less than a year now and this is going to be your highest finish. Can you just speak to the week as a whole?

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: Yeah, this is my fourth Champions Tour event. Very suitable golf course for me this week. Some weeks, yeah, the golf courses can be quite claustrophobic in places. It depends on the venue whether you really feel comfortable, so I knew I was comfortable this week. If anything, I put myself under a little bit of pressure, I like the course so much.

Q. Next week you're returning to Augusta for the first time since 2015. Can we just get your thoughts on going back there?

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: Yeah, I'm happy to be back. I'm not going there to make up the numbers. With my head, I'm going there to play my best golf and compete and try and win, get my head in the right place. Physically, I can do it, so it really is just getting your head in the right place.

Q. That golf course has had several changes in the last seven years. Do you feel the need to like relearn anything or is it --

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: No, not really. I'm looking forward to seeing the change in the green on 11. Length-wise they've made a couple of changes. Length doesn't bother anybody on the Tour really. If they put a dip in the right of 11, that's going to be quite severe and difficult, I'm looking forward to that challenge, but that certainly -- that will make that hole tough.

Q. And next week Seamus Powers is making his debut at the Masters. Can you just speak to his first appearance there?

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: Yeah, Seamus is a great player. The last year has been great

for him. He's believed in himself more, he's turned that corner, he's now very comfortable out there and contending regularly. I think it will be a lot to ask in his first major, certainly first Masters to win it, maybe not to contend, but he's got to think like he can do that. He's got a good game, it's just believing you belong.

Q. Have you scheduled any practice rounds with any certain guys next week?

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: We're going to have an Irish four-ball, for sure. Maybe more than one day.