### ROUND 3 INTERVIEW May 7, 2022

#### RORY McILROY (-2)



#### Q. Great playing, Rory. Under the circumstances, how would you rate a 68?

**RORY McILROY:** Yeah, it was very good, especially after the start that I had. Bogeyed my first two holes and then played 4 under from there in bogey free. Yeah, it was a really, really good -- it was a really, really good day. I felt like I could have been a couple lower, I hit the ball great on the front nine there and just didn't convert any of the chances that I gave myself. But overall I can't be too disappointed, 2 under out there was a very good score.

#### Q. (No microphone.) What's your mindset?

RORY McILROY: I guess at that point I knew I had some chances coming in, or coming up I guess I should say. Maybe not 12, I birdied 12, but certainly 13, 14, 16, all sort of wedges in your hand, or 14, a drivable par-4. So I just sort of at that point was just trying to get back to even par for the day. I did a little bit better than that. Then front nine I feel like has been the tougher nine for me this week. I was even par on it on Thursday, I was 3 over on it yesterday and then I was even par on it today. Tried to hit fairways and hit greens on that side, tried to keep it out of trouble, got through the fourth hole a little better than I had done the last couple days and yeah, I could have been a couple better on that side if I held some putts, but overall it was a really solid day.

# Q. Rory, making a seven-footer on 18, the final hole yesterday just to make the cut on the number, what's your thought process coming in today to kind of get yourself back into it?

**RORY McILROY:** I guess more just happy to be playing golf over the weekend. I think when you see conditions like this, you have to have a pretty upbeat attitude towards it and for me it was just grateful to be here. I didn't play great yesterday, but I was able to just hang in there and make that par on 18. Yeah, the attitude was just happy to be here, just tried to make the most of the next couple of days.

## Q. I think you'll go into tomorrow six shots back, but given how quickly things changed today, is six shots not really six shots in these conditions?

**RORY McILROY:** Six shots is still six shots. It depends what the weather's like tomorrow. I'd like it to be pretty tough. I know it's probably not going to be as wet. It's going to be quite cold. I don't know what the wind's going to be like. I can't imagine tomorrow being any tougher than today was. You can't really chase much around here because it's a tough golf course, but like six shots is still a long way back. You know, definitely, if you went down to data golf, I'm sure my percentage of winning wouldn't be too high at this point.