

ROUND 4 INTERVIEW
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RORY McILROY (-4)



Q. Rory, how would you characterize the day today?

RORY McILROY: Yeah, it was a solid day, played well. Had my chances, played the last eight holes in 1 over, which whenever you give yourself a chance and got withing like 3, obviously not the way you want to finish, but played well. Some of those pin positions on the back nine were tricky and tough to get close to. Yeah, I mean, overall it's been a good weekend, a decent week, something to build on going into the PGA.

Q. Rory, unless I'm mistaken, you would have played I think in this tournament with Max on a weekend when he won his first tournament. How would you assess his game? And then as somebody who lost his card a couple times out here, the resilience to get back and win these things?

RORY McILROY: Yeah, he's way too good a player to lose his card. He's a really good player. Yeah, honestly, when you look at him play, you think he should have done better than he has. I think that's sort of how he looks, how he swings it, his whole demeanor. Sometimes it just takes guys a little bit longer to sort of figure their games out and I guess live up to their potential, but he definitely seems to have come into his own over the last couple years.

Q. Rory what's the plan going forward for the next couple weeks?

RORY McILROY: Not much, just go home, spend a week at home and then head up to the PGA Sunday or Monday. That's really it, yeah.

Q. Still playing as good as you were at the Masters?

RORY McILROY: Yeah, I'm playing good, playing really good. No complaints with the game. Everything feels pretty solid. As I said, just a couple things here and there coming down the stretch, a couple missed putts, but really apart from that I feel like the game's in good shape.

Q. Toughest conditions you've seen in a while?

RORY McILROY: Yeah. Jeez, all year it's just been wind or rain or a combination of both that I think hopefully, you know, Tulsa might be hot, but I'm looking forward to hopefully not having to get the umbrella out for a while.

Q. After the PGA, what does your schedule look like?

RORY McILROY: A week off, Memorial, Canada, U.S. Open, Travelers, so four in a row after that.

Q. After being in the hunt back-to-back weeks now going back to the Masters, is there anything you feel like you need to tidy up when you get to Tulsa?

RORY McILROY: I'm really happy with where my game is. I think just another week of practicing and playing. Can't really put my finger on -- my approach game's much better than it has been. Yeah, I think like little things that aren't really -- like shot selection. Like the shot selection into 16 there trying to hit a hard wedge and not quite getting all of it, hitting the slope, spinning back to the front of the green. You hit a three-quarter 9-iron, that maybe doesn't happen. It's not even -- sometimes it's just like picking the right shot at the right time, stuff like that. But that's not -- that's only stuff that you can learn from playing tournament golf, I guess.

Q. You thought this place was a little underrated at the beginning of the week. You've now played four rounds. What's kind of the assessment at the end of it?

RORY McILROY: It's a very, very good golf course. I'm so impressed with how the course has held up under the conditions the last few days. Greens are perfect. I mean, the fairways today were not really soggy at all, wasn't really many mud balls. We probably could have played the ball down today, which is insane considering that the conditions we've had. Really impressed overall.