

**ROUND 2 INTERVIEW**  
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**PÁDRAIG HARRINGTON (-11)**

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**Q. You played some wonderful golf out there today. Were it not for a few lip-outs, the lead would be commanding. What's working for you the best right now?**

**PADRAIG HARRINGTON:** The happiest thing today was I rolled everything at the hole. I think that's the most important thing out here. At times you can struggle a bit with your confidence in the putting and I had a day today where they didn't all drop, but I rolled the ball beautifully today. I wish I did that every day.

**Q. You drove the ball very well today also. On the 13th you hit it 28 yards past Ernie Els, you had 348, which you said is your straight swing, and then on 16 into a little breeze, 335 just over the back. Tell us about that tee shot.**

**PADRAIG HARRINGTON:** Yeah, the one on 16, it was cooling down, it was into the wind so I did try to get that up into the air, but the other one, like a low hard straight one, the fairways are firm and if you can hit the fairways, and I think I've been caught up a couple of times in the par 5s trying to maybe hit it a little bit too hard out there. A straight ball out here just goes forever.

Yeah, tomorrow I'll definitely try and ease back a little bit on those par 5s and hopefully -- they're definitely narrow, they're very narrow. Like just angles-wise, when you're getting out there, like you said, 330, 340, the trees are overhanging, so they're quite intimidating tee shots. That would be two things I'd like to do tomorrow is in an ideal world I'd love to drive it well and keep putting the way I putted today.

**Q. Does it tickle you to hear yourself say when you get out there 330, 340 the fairways are very narrow? Is golf more fun for you right now with all the work you've put in on hitting it so far?**

**PADRAIG HARRINGTON:** The only reason I put the work in, it wasn't for here I put the work in, it was to be competitive with the young guys. I'm finding out here it's a very nice advantage, but nearly the bigger advantage is on par 3s, hitting shorter irons and maybe able to them higher in there with a bit more spin. You know, I like it out here. I'm being tested more on the mental side of the game. Every shot is important in the sense of I'm up there around the lead all the time, so I'm under a little bit of pressure, I'm under a little bit of stress and you learn about your game more in those situations. Yeah, I like what I see and I'm working on the right things. Really enjoying this. A different test of being up there and competing rather than being in the middle of the pack and trying to make your way. Have a big week here, I've been trying to keep myself in it, have a big last nine holes.