

**PRE-TOURNAMENT INTERVIEW**  
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**PADRAIG HARRINGTON**



**Q. Paddy, coming off obviously a great week last week, your whole season's been remarkable, just some thoughts on how good you're feeling coming into the week here?**

**PADRAIG HARRINGTON:** I feel good about my game, but what I'm seeing is when you're competing to win a tournament, so if you're finishing second or third, you learn quite a lot about your game, where your head's at. You focus a lot on your mental state because that's where you can pick up a shot or two. If you're finishing 15th or 20th in an event, you're five, six, seven shots out of the lead, you always think it's a technical issue so you double down and you work harder on your physical side.

So what I'm seeing out here, and this is really good for me, is I'm working on the good stuff, the mental game. The long game is physically good enough and I'm seeing the benefits of trying to get sharp mentally.

**Q. You have won out here before last week obviously. How much validation did you get from actually getting a win last week as it relates to all the things you just said?**

**PADRAIG HARRINGTON:** As it relates to what I just said, I'm very happy to -- I'm racking up the second places and you can handle second places as long as wins come along, so it is very important to win when you're also losing.

So yeah, that's the importance. I'm quite happy to rack up more second places if it gives me more wins. That's the goal is to be competitive every week, put myself in with a chance with nine holes to go. I know with nine holes to go anything can happen, a lot can happen. You know, you can make a push with nine holes to go, catch somebody or somebody can slip up. You've got to be in that right position and I'm getting my head in the game right from the start and there are a couple of weeks this year I've been right there.

**Q. And then just a couple of comments on being here this week, specifically Warwick Hills. Have you had much history here?**

**PADRAIG HARRINGTON:** Yeah, I played here back in the day. I think I played the Buick Classic when it was the week before the PGA Championship was back in the day. I had a good run one year. I remember Kenny Perry lapped me, couldn't believe how good a golfer he was. I was a European player at the time, I didn't know -- wouldn't have known Kenny, wouldn't have known much about him, but by God did I get shown up that week, he was really good. I think I played with him the last group on the third day or something like that is my memory and he just lapped me. I suppose the fact I was -- did OK that week, I was in the

group, it's the sort of course that does suit me. And hopefully, as I said, this week I'll do as I did last week and reduce the drama and keep it pretty simple and make enough birdies, I'll be there or thereabouts with a few holes to go and you never know.

**Q. You mentioned earlier the word "goals." They have changed within the last week, have they not?**

**PADRAIG HARRINGTON:** I wouldn't think they've changed, they're bit more public. I've obviously got a fair shot now in second place for the (indiscernible,) but as I said, you come on the Champions Tour, after the career I've had, Player of the Year in Europe, Player of the Year in States, you want to win the Schwab Cup as well. You want to go out there and be Player of the Year. You know the younger you are, I have a genuine advantage at this moment on the guys out here in terms of length. I'm fresh, I'm young, I'm enthusiastic and that won't last forever. There will be other new guys coming on and they'll lean into the advantage I have, so I've got to do it as soon as I can. You've got to make hay when the sun shines.

**Q. I love your lines. What was the one last week about a rising tide?**

**PADRAIG HARRINGTON:** A rising tide lifts all ships. It's never a burden to carry a bit of good luck.

**Q. Schedule changed, you mentioned that. Which two events will we see you at in September?**

**PADRAIG HARRINGTON:** St. Louis and the week after is Sioux Falls. Those are the two I'm targeting. I'm going to not play Wentworth and play -- so instead of playing one on the European Tour, I'm going to play two on this tour. I'm going to go home, I'm going to have a week off and go home and play Dunhill and then likely play the five last events then. Eight more events. The winner's probably going to need a couple of times in those eight weeks, so there's a lot to play for.