

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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PADRAIG HARRINGTON (-11)

Q. Solo leader heading into tomorrow, how's it feel?

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: It's nice to be the leader. Can't ask for more than that. In some ways I do feel like I was a little bit scrappy today, it wasn't as -- it was a bit more drama in it. Would have liked it to be simpler and hopefully tomorrow -- well, it doesn't matter as long as I get to stay out front, but it would be nice if it was just a little bit less stress.

Q. With the Schwab Cup heating up, what would that win mean for you to take the lead?

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: I surely wouldn't take the lead though, would I, because Steve is doing quite well, so I don't think I'd take the lead. I didn't know how the Schwab Cup works. I do now know it's all about jockeying for position in those last three events because it's double points. It doesn't matter who's in the lead, it's get yourself within shouting distance in those last three events. If you play well, particularly the last one, the winner has a great chance of being the champion.

Q. You said it was a little erratic today. Was that more mental or physical?

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: I think mental. You know, I wasn't as good as I hoped I'd be, but stuff to work on for tomorrow. Certainly made a few defensive swings at times out there and hopefully that's got to be eliminated tomorrow, got to hit your shots and accept the consequences. Sometimes when you're out in front you're minding yourself and protecting yourself a little bit too much.

Q. We talked about that the other day, playing with the lead.

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: Yeah, you know what, as I said, somehow I bogeyed my 10th hole and I was kind of happy because I hadn't made a bogey this week and it was getting the monkey off my back because if you're thinking like that, you're playing too conservative if you're trying to avoid bogeys. You've got to make a few bogeys to make a few birdies. Yeah, tomorrow hopefully I free up a little bit and just hit my shots and see what the outcome is.

Q. The course atmosphere and the way you guys are being treated here?

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: It's great. This was a great grouping today with Ernie and Bernhard. I think that's what the Champions Tour delivers, it delivers household names all the time out there. There's certainly plenty of drama with us because we're certainly not perfect at this stage of our careers, but we know how to get it done as well.

It's pretty exciting watching the guys play. And even for me watching some of the players, like Bernhard. Played a bit with Bernhard, but they're a little bit before my time so it's nice to get out there and see them again. The guys out here are just really good at what they do.