

ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES

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PADRAIG HARRINGTON (-12)



Q. Padraig, thanks for taking the time to join us. If you want to talk through, the conditions were a little bit different out there today, how was the round?

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: Yeah, it was a different day. Kind of tale of two halves for me. I played poor enough until it started raining. When it started raining, I started playing great. I don't like the rain honestly, but I chipped in on 8 for eagle. Everything after that I had chances all the way home, I really played very nicely. Probably could have got a few more in my last sort of 11 holes or 10 holes I should say. My first seven I got the most out of. To be 1 under after seven was a miracle.

Q. And you mentioned earlier this week that your goal is still to win the Schwab Cup. You said the first thing you had to do was win out here. Sole leader in the clubhouse right now, kind of what's your mindset going into tomorrow?

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: Yeah, this is my third weekend in a row going into the last round with a shout. It's where you want to be. I'm not 100 percent confident in my game at the moment, so we'll just have to wait and see. Going to be a bit of a battle, I'm going to have to manage myself well tomorrow.

Q. When you say you're not 100 percent confident, what part is kind of leaving you questioning?

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: As I said, I'm just not -- I don't have as much trust as you would like to have. I did hit some really nice shots coming home. Yeah, I don't hit the ball very well on the range here. It's kind of on a slope, side slope and it freaks me out. I go out on the golf course and it takes me a good while to settle.

Q. I would say that the course played different because of the rain and you touched on it, but you were two strokes better today. I mean, was it more a laser focus?

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: No, I played really well in the rain. The chip-in I holed from off the green on the fourth. (inaudible) from 20 feet, but it was going 30 feet by. Then I chipped in on 8. OK, I probably would have made birdie in the end, but I certainly saved -- probably saved three shots there. I got some good breaks today.

Then I played really well in that rain. I hit like a really good tee shot off 9. I had a chance on 9 in the worst of the rain, an eagle putt on 10 in the worst of the rain. So I played well on 8, 9, 10 when it was really bad. After that I continued to play nicely. I got a couple of putts, holed two putts and missed a few. I played those holes well. I'd like that to continue

tomorrow, but as I said, I tend to -- I won't walk off the range here with much confidence. I haven't been hitting it well on the range.

Q. What would have to change tomorrow to get across the finish line that didn't happen the previous two weeks?

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: Not a lot. You know, it's about being in that situation. You make the right decisions and maybe a break or two at the right time, that's what you need. You get the right break like I did today by chipping in on 8 for eagle, it created so much momentum and I played really well afterwards. That can happen early on in a round where things just fall in.

It could be as simple as holing a five-footer for par on the first green, everything feels good after that. You could hit it to six feet and miss it for birdie and feel bad. Play a hole badly and hole a five-footer for par and you feel everything's rosy and off you go.

Q. I've got two more questions real quickly. You're 12 under, nine of those were on par 5s. I guess that is definitely a key to the success?

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: Yeah, there's no doubt here the par 5s are within range. Most weeks you want to take advantage of the par 5s. I've had great chances on the other holes, they've been 10, 15 feet. You can't hole those putts all the time. I don't mind as long as I shoot the score tomorrow, who knows which holes they're going to come on. Certainly I'm not somebody who -- I don't think it's automatic that you're going to birdie these holes, but they have played nicely for me so far.

Q. And lastly, put yourself in your position from a year ago at TimberTech. You win it and then you go on to Phoenix and you didn't, you know, get over the hump there. The points are a little bit more narrower this year.

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: Well, I think anybody winning two weeks in a row is really tough, full stop. To win a tournament takes a lot of effort and you get -- you know, very rarely does it not take something out of you to win a tournament. It's kind of hard to win back to back. I've done it a few times in my career, so if I do get through tomorrow, I don't know where I'll be sitting at the end of the day, but if we do, I'll give it my best. What I'm interested in now is getting my head in place for tomorrow.