

ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES
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SEAMUS POWER (-3)



Q. Seamus, that was great playing, 3 under. What was the hardest part about playing in this stuff?

SEAMUS POWER: You know, honestly the toughest part was just getting it on the fairways today. You know, You're wearing extra layers. It almost feels harder in these sort of conditions and as soon as you miss a fairway you're in big trouble. So that was a big thing. If you get on the fairways, the greens are soft enough that you could get to some pins. The trickiest part of the day, which I wouldn't have expected, is they put a lot of pins in higher spots. With the softness of the greens it was difficult to get short irons and wedges close to the hole, tough to take enough spin off it. I thought that was one of the surprising tough things of the day.

Q. Your second shot on 18, it came out like a wet sock. What was the lie like?

SEAMUS POWER: It was horrible. It was one of those ones that you couldn't see it until you were directly over it. That's the thing, I was saying earlier, a lot of times par 5s, obviously you hit a great tee shot, you can go for it; if you miss the fairway you lay up, that's normally what we do. Today on 6 I just missed a fairway, on 18 I missed a fairway to the right and all of a sudden you got 8-, 7-iron in for a third shot. So the par 5s are not kind of time to take a little breather on the course here. It's just tough, no let up, and it's nice to get in there.

Q. You were joking about the weather over there, but do you feel any bit of an advantage when there's conditions like this growing up in Ireland?

SEAMUS POWER: I'm not sure. I mean, It's been a long time obviously since I played a lot of golf in Ireland. But mentality becomes the biggest thing. It's pretty easy to get down and to get a bit like mad at everything, the conditions and everything is harder today. It's just to kind of somehow keep your head in it and stay positive somehow and just get through it. Like it's just going to be a lot of that. It's not going to be easy for anyone out there. You're trying to stay dry, you're trying to stay warm, just hang in there as best you can.

Maybe there is, I don't know, but it's been a long time since I played golf in these conditions.

Q. When you see this type of forecast, what's your reaction?

SEAMUS POWER: Honest, on a golf course like this, you know it's going to be tough. Today and tomorrow are going to be very difficult, probably all four days really. You just kind of know what's coming and there's no real letup, you've got to hit some good shots. That's



the beauty of this golf, course it's right there in front of you but you do have to hit a lot of good shots in a row and it's going to test every part of your game.

Q. What did you hit on 17?

SEAMUS POWER: 9-iron.

Q. You didn't play at Farmers this year (inaudible)?

SEAMUS POWER: So yeah, I didn't play it. Just my schedule like the last couple years, I've been fortunate enough to be in Maui, and you kind of split 'em and go three and three. But I've always like the South course. The North course I've struggled more on and that's the opposite of guys in the tournament. One year I shot maybe 3 under in the first round on the South, great start and then I had a very poor round on the North.

It was interesting, I was delighted to see it was just the South. But it's a golf course I like. I mean, it's tough, you've got to hit good shots, there's no real massive amount of secrets here. You've got to hit it on the fairway and a lot of greens are split up into three, four little corners or whatever you want to call them and you've got to get like short irons and stuff in those areas. But there's no letup and I think it's going to be the same for the next two days.

Q. (Question about the Ryder Cup.)

SEAMUS POWER: Yeah, I mean, realistic for me, I've got to win at least one time, even one win. Obviously it depends on the win, but I feel like if you get multiple wins and get all the way to Atlanta, it's going to be tougher for him not to pick you. That's going to be my goal. I feel like if I reach a lot of my own things I kind of want to do and the goals I set for myself, I feel like things like that will kind of fall in place.

