

ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES
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PADRAIG HARRINGTON (-13)



Q. We're joined by Padraig Harrington here at the Portugal Invitational.

Padraig, eagled the first en route to a second round 65, you're currently tied for the lead. Just thoughts on the day?

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: Yeah, there was some good. At times I wasn't too confident off the tee at times. Yeah, hopefully I could play a little bit better. Maybe play a little bit better and score a little bit worse tomorrow, who knows. I'm very happy with the score. Obviously you're under a lot of pressure to go low out there. Every time you look up at that leaderboard -- I try not to look at leaderboards, but it's hard to miss -- you just see people going low. You're under a lot of pressure to keep going forward. Thankfully that putt on the last should get me into the last group, I think, so that's something I was certainly trying for. I look forward to another day with Stewart. If it's me, Stewart and Rory maybe, I don't know.

Q. Currently Rory, and Zach one back currently.

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: We'll see. Anyway, it's good to be in the last group and keeping an eye on things. As I said, certainly my head was in the game in places out there and that's good. Other places I could do better.

Q. Tell us, what do you feel with your putting?

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: I'm obviously very happy to have birdied the last. Hit a very nice second shot, hit a very nice putt. In golf you get some great breaks. Mikael Lundberg putted it pretty much on the same line before me. I thought the putt had a little bit of break and Michael's broke a lot, so I ended up -- only for I saw his putt, I would never have holed mine. You get good breaks like that at times in golf and it's nice I took advantage of it.

Q. Padraig, bogey-free round, just one bogey yesterday. Is that a sign of thinking a little bit (inaudible)?

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: There's obviously chances on the par 5s and you can build up a good score on those holes as long as you don't give it away on other holes. Yes, you're 100 percent right, there's plenty of the tougher holes out there that you're happy to play to the middle of the green and make your par knowing that there's other holes that you can make your birdies on. It could all change tomorrow in the last round, who knows, but at the moment the strategy would be certain holes. If you told me I'm going to par 10, 16 and 17 tomorrow, maybe a couple other holes, I'd be feeling like a good score, but nobody gives you anything in golf so you've just got to go out there and do it.



Q. You talked about every time you looked up people were going low. Did you see that out here earlier in the week?

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: You know, you would because there's five par 5s and a drivable par 4. Greens are in great condition, golf course is in great condition. If you give us a golf course, we're going to go low no matter what course if it's in good condition. If you want to mess with our heads, just put too much sand in the bunkers, get the greens slow, bumpy. You know, that just does us in. If you present a golf course in good condition and perfect weather, somebody's going to go low, somebody's going to hit the shots. Obviously there's a few holes out there that gives that opportunity.

Greens are starting to dry out, get a little firmer. I do feel -- haven't looked at the pins for tomorrow -- they have us set up for some serious scoring tomorrow. The par 5 pins seem to be in bowls. There should be a few more eagles made I will think than any other time during the week, so I think you're looking at some low scoring tomorrow.

Q. Would you say the first five holes are pretty crucial?

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: You know what, I don't want to make such a big deal of it, but yes. As you said, I started off with an eagle and I missed a couple of putts, missed some reasonable chances on 2, 3 and 4 and I'm feeling bad about things. I'm 2 under par and I'm losing ground.

Yeah, I think it is the way it is out there that somebody's going to go forward. As I said, the greens are so good, yeah, the scoring has been great on those holes. And they tend to be particularly nice if you lay up on the par 4s. There tends to be a slope around the pins so it's easier to get the ball close. I think it's not just that they're reachable, it's more to do with there's some nice slopes. Without the wind you can use those slopes to get the ball close.

