

ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES
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RORY SABBATINI (-13)



Q. Rory Sabbatini joining us here at the Portugal Invitational.

Rory, tied for the lead going into Sunday's final round. Some thoughts on your day and expectations for tomorrow?

RORY SABBATINI: Thoughts of the round today. I'd say I'd give myself probably a B-plus in controlling the golf ball out there, keeping myself in position. Gave myself a lot of birdie opportunities and unfortunately just wasn't able to capitalize on as many as I would like. But all things considered, I think that score today with the wind, the greens were getting a little firmer, faster at the end there, I'm pretty excited about it.

Q. Rory, did you see these kind of scores earlier in the week?

RORY SABBATINI: No, no. If you would have offered me 10 under through two rounds, I'd have said OK, I'll take it and run.

No, as I've said, I've been for two days very in control of my golf ball for the most part. Just a couple errant swings finishing the round, but other than that, really kept the ball in control and gave myself a lot of good looks. On this golf course, that's all you can do.

Q. Three-way tie for tomorrow, the last three to go on the course. How important is the mental aspect for last round to go (inaudible)?

RORY SABBATINI: There's no mental aspect, I'm just going to bribe those two guys to let me win for a change. They've won enough.

No, obviously I've just got to go out and do what I've been doing. Try and stay within myself, keep the ball in the fairways, give myself some opportunities with putts on the greens.

Both Stewart and Padraig are fantastic golfers. Yeah, obviously they hit the ball a lot further than me, so I'm going to have to play my game, as I said, and just really stay within myself. I can't get absorbed into theirs.

But it's going to be a challenge. They're two very, very tough adversaries out on the golf course. You don't go and win major championships like they did without being mentally tough and good golfers.

Q. Have you had the chance to take a look at the pin positions for tomorrow? Padraig said that he thought that there would be more opportunities for eagles tomorrow.



RORY SABBATINI: No, honestly, I haven't had a look at tomorrow's pins. Again, as I said, Padraig hits a lot further than me so he sees things I don't see. For me, I see a lot of good layup opportunities.

