

REGIONS TRADITION ROUND 3 | PADRAIG HARRINGTON

Q: All right, Paddy, another great round today potentially in the final group tomorrow. Just assess your round?

Harrington: Yeah. Wasn't as good as yesterday you know. I think I was number one in fairways hit yesterday. Today just wasn't quite there mentally. Got up and down a lot. So yeah, I got a pretty good score but obviously there you know, I was on a decent run when I hit it out of bounds on the eleventh, but this course is like that. They're all, every hole is a dogleg. There's no balance left and right. I'm playing in a straitjacket. I'm just like, yeah, this place will keep me awake at night.

Q: You had a nice birdie on 18 just then. Does that give you kind of like you bounce back and you give yourself that confidence boost again?

Harrington: You know, you want to finish with a birdie. The eighteenth I hit. You got to hit the shots. I hit driver, seven-iron but you still got to hit you know, I hit two good shots. Second one came out a bit spinny so I was lucky enough to get up on the green had a decent eagle chance but not unhappy just to have birdied the last in the sense of you know, it's important. That little bit extra movement forward. I'm not even sure I haven't been looking at the leaderboards. So I don't even know where I sit. I know Ernie was 13. Is he leading?

Speaker: You're co-leader.

Harrington: I'm co-leader. There you go.

Q: back. So you're 12 He's a 13

Harrington: I was keen to get in the last group. I've got to say and I don't think you know, it's one of those things a shot or two. Going into that last, that last round, it will be whoever is the best of us mentally tomorrow, whoever shoots that score tomorrow. I'm sure. You know, I don't know what Steve on?

Q: He's at 11.

Harrington: One of us is going to shoot you know, four or five under par so, you know, you can't be expecting to get away with you know, 13 or 14. You've got to be thinking, you know, 16, 17 And who knows, we could go head to head and get even further into it but the likelihood is with the sort of golf course it is. There's a lot of caution out there. As I said you you never really feel comfortable. So yeah, hopefully played nicely and not made that one mistake and I'll be I'll be happy.

Q: Is there a different mindset for you chasing instead of leading?

Harrington: I'm not really chasing at 12 and 13 You really. You're probably want to be three four back. What I do know is there's enough guys out there that you're not going to get away with you know 70 or even a 69. Probably won't be good enough so you're somebody who's going to have to play well to win this tomorrow. We're also all lined up in that position. And you know, I'll try and get in that mindset and not be as as defensive as I was today.

Q: Why does this golf course play so difficult today?

Harrington: Well, there's a lot of right to left doglegs with left to right wind. So for me particularly, I don't want to draw the ball I'm not comfortable with a left to right wind and I'm not comfortable drawing the ball with my driver. So certainly, I found a lot of difficult tee shots where I'm aiming over the trees, down the tree line, down the bounds line and trying to cut it back. So I think it was awkward off the tee. The pins were tougher, but I don't think if you drove it well out here you know you've got great opportunities. It's it really is a case of if you could drive it well you're going to be presented with a lot of a lot of good chances. The greens are great. They were fast. So you know I ran a few putts by there towards the end of the back nine a few three footers that I wasn't enjoying, but at least I was very keen to be in the right mindset. I had to try and hole my putts and there you know that would be the attitude tomorrow even if I even if you do run one or two too far by you still got to take your chances. If it's going to be your day, it's going to be your day.

Q: Will you come out with a number in mind tomorrow?

Harrington: No. Every shot will be the same as today, yesterday and the day before. I'm just trying to do something. You know I've gone through a process here .I've tried to give myself this four weeks to get better and better at it. And you know, I see good things but I found it hard to do today. You know I can get a little bit lazy at times and You know. I do see some good things in it so I'll stick at it if even if it doesn't work out tomorrow.

Q: Maybe not setting a number but a lot of you guys have said throughout this week like where's Steve? Where's Steve on the leaderbaord? How much are you paying attention to a guy that's won like that?

Harrington: He's won three of the last four years so you got to pay attention to Steve here. Ernie played behind me all week and he looks like he's got the bit between his teeth. He looks pretty good too. So, yeah, I think yeah, there's a number of players who won't shy away from winning, Which is, you know, that means you got to go and take it yourself. You know, I don't think anybody's gonna give this tournament away tomorrow, in the sense of there's enough guys up there that somebody's gonna go out there and have to have to win it.

Speaker: Alright, thanks Paddy.