



Q. Rory, tough day out there. If we can get some comments, please.

RORY McILROY: Yeah, yeah, definitely the toughest day of the week. The wind was up, hole locations were sort of tricky spots, the course was firming up again. And yeah, you know, for me anyway, one little sort of lapse on five there, made triple. Actually, apart from that, played pretty well, played the other holes in 1 under. So it was tough. Yeah, honestly, I didn't expect it to be as difficult as it was, but everyone was finding it tough out there. Yeah, Adam held on well at the end. I was trying until the very end. I thought maybe if I could birdie a couple of the last few coming in I might still have a chance. Yeah, Adam played great, a couple really good up-and-downs and the birdie on 17 sort of sealed the deal for him.

Q. Adam on five had the same situation you did. Was the wind a factor on that?

RORY McILROY: No, I just got a flyer, I got a flyer out of the rough. I was trying to pitch a 9-iron sort of front third of the green and it pitched sort of close to pin high. Yeah, obviously not the place you want to leave yourself.

Q. Can you talk about that third shot, Rory, the decision to bump it into the slope?

RORY McILROY: Yeah, I caught it a little thin so it came out a bit lower than I wanted it to. There was actually like a little depression, sort of a hump and a little depression and then the hill up onto the green. I was trying to land it into this little depression and I got it a groove low and it kind of hit the first hill and then that really stopped it. If it had carried that, it probably could have trundled its way up onto the green because I've played those shots well this week. I've bumped them into the fringes a little bit and, yeah, I've had a pretty good feel with those. I caught it a groove low and it just didn't carry as far as I needed it do.

Q. How much do you tell yourself after a hole like that on five, do you talk to Harry about it or what's your --

RORY McILROY: Yeah, I mean, obviously you go for the -- I went from 1 under to 2 over. So I said to myself, okay, let's try to get back to even par after 11. That was my mindset. I had six coming up, seven, I thought if I could play these next sort of five holes in 2 under par and get back to even par, I'm not out of it so that was sort of what I tried to --

Q. How tough were the pins? It seems like a lot of guys were just not quite there today. And also, did it ever come up at all that Adam really wanted to win this thing because of the previous time that he didn't get -- he mentioned --

RORY McILROY: No, no, it was a pretty difficult day, there wasn't much chat out there between the three of us, we were just trying to concentrate on what we were doing. Yeah, it was, they set the course up a little tougher today than it has been the last few days, and factoring in that it's a little firmer than it has been and just with how the weather's been and a little bit of wind and all of a sudden it becomes a very tricky golf course.