



Q. Do you know exactly what you have to do this week?

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: I know what I have to do, but my side of it to win obviously is pretty clear, but I don't really have any control over Steven's side. His top-5 is clear for him.

Yeah, it would be a bit awkward playing the first day. You never want to be watching somebody else's game and you certainly, when it comes to golf, you're always better off playing with momentum and you want momentum in your group, so you want your playing partner to play well and hole putts. So that's an interesting one that I'll be wishing him well for the first 18 holes just because selfishly it also helps me play well.

Q. Does 72 holes help you, hurt you? What do you think?

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: I prefer 72-hole tournaments. I kind of work on the principle that I had all four majors this year that I played, I had a pretty decent run. Yeah, an extra round is no problem.

Q. What about getting around this place?

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: It's a nice golf course, really nice golf course. Get to use the driver quite a bit, which is a good thing. I've done my homework on the greens. Even though I don't know the golf course per se, I've never played a tournament here, I've put in the work this week, so hopefully it won't hinder me not having played a tournament round on the golf course. But yeah, I think the course suits me fine.

Q. Is that a difference, a big difference playing a tournament round compared to what you've done the last two days?

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: Yeah, it's always different to play a golf course under competition. You get a feel for a course. You can never fully tell. You try in practice rounds, but tee boxes can be skewed a way so a certain hole you always end up hitting a bit right on. Once you play it in tournament golf, you figure that out.

I remember I missed it right two times, it's more to do with the setup of the hole rather than you. So things like that you kind of -- you try and learn them in practice, but ultimately tournament rounds is when you really learn what a golf course is like.

Q. Is this your first time playing an event in Arizona?



PADRAIG HARRINGTON: No.

Q. What else have you played?

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: What events have you had here?

Q. OK.

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: I've played them all.

Q. What would you say you learned the most on your first full season on this tour? Is there one thing that stands out?

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: It takes a while to get into the flow of it. For me, I think being in contention a lot means that I'm focused on the good things in golf, my routine, my focus, my mental game, whereas I think if you're -- you know, if you're one or two shots back, you generally blame like I wasn't quite into that tee shot or I didn't have my head in the game on that particular shot, whereas if you're five or six shots back, you tend to blame your swing. Most weeks I'm pretty close. I'm disciplined. It's a mental task and you usually play your best golf when you feel like that.

Q. You played with Steven last week in the final round. Can you give us your perspective on his game and what he's accomplished this year?

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: Steven's done great. He's been a solid player all his career but maybe held back a little bit with length. He's kept himself fit and strong, so he's probably hitting the ball as far as he's ever hit it now. He's come out here, you know, that's not a hindrance on this tour for him anymore.

Clearly he's probably hitting his run in golf. He's having a real great run over the two years. He's very comfortable out here, he's playing well. He's always been a good, solid player and I think he's probably putting quite well on top of that. He's gotten comfortable out here and he's doing well because of it.

Q. Should his story resonate with people a little more because he's such a study in perseverance?

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: Yes, and the reality is because it's happened, we're going to put reasons on why it's happened.

The fact is he was always a nice player. As I said, always a very solid player, would have been a good swinger of the club. He's probably as physically fit now as he was 20 years ago, so he hasn't gone backwards. The players who tend to do nicely out here are the ones who are still trying to be competitive from 45 years of age to 50 years of age. Those are the ones. You can't give the game up for five years or eight years or 10 years and hope to come



out here and find it again, you know, unless you were a world-class player. You've got to keep being competitive and he did that. That's why you're seeing his good play now. He was still on the Korn Ferry Tour when he was 49 years of age. There's not a lot of guys at 49 who could do that.

Q. What have you done in your career to be able to be playing at this level at this age?

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: Again, that's about -- what haven't I done?

Q. In terms of like preparation and how you've kept yourself?

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: Fit?

Q. -- at the top level --

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: I just kept playing. I probably had my 20 years, you know, about 2016 I would have been burnt out. Kind of in the meantime looked at it and came back not so much for this tour, but came back to golf and just took a different angle to it. I'm not as intense about it. I still do quite a bit of work, but not the same level of work I used to do. I don't think I could keep up the pace that I would have kept as a younger player.

Yeah, I focused on realizing that I enjoy playing golf and to make sure that I can continue to enjoy playing professional golf, I've taken out some of the things that probably I didn't like doing or couldn't keep doing. Yeah, I enjoy my life a little bit more on tour. It's not all about the work. I'm certainly not -- I'm not as intense about the game as I would have been 10, 15 years ago. And that's the nature of the game. When you're younger, you're trying everything to get better, you're full on. I'm not as full on about it as I would have been 15 years ago.

Q. Is that why you're still playing, because you've found that balance and how to enjoy the game?

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: That's why I was still playing on the regular tour. Out here, you know, a lot of players, as I said, you come here, it's a new lease on life. You're trying to win tournaments, you're hitting great shots under pressure, you're hitting shots and waving to the crowds. It reminds you of the good days. Really, that is it. There's an element of when you're winning a tournament, it feels like it used to feel like 20 years ago and that's a nice feeling. It's exciting. You still have to hit the shots under pressure, but you do feel like, you know, it feels like the yesteryears.

Q. I'm sorry, if I can get one last one. What was the last time it felt like that for you on the PGA TOUR?

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: I've always been quite good when I've got in contention, so I suppose my last win on the PGA TOUR. Well, I suppose the PGA -- I finished fourth in the



PGA Championship two years ago? Is that two years ago at Kiawah Island? Yeah, it felt pretty exciting that day. Maybe winning Honda 2015.

Yeah, there's no doubt I was burnt out there. You just can push for so long when it comes to golf. Like I said, my view, and I fit exactly into the category, careers last about 20 years.

And even the last couple of those 20 years, you might look to everybody that your everything is normal, but you're really on a downward slope. Mine fit it exactly in that. I got my win at the end of 20 years, everything was hard after that. And I think I had a bit of a breakthrough, probably had a good look about what I enjoy about golf and decided I really like playing golf, I like being out here. What's not to like about coming to these beautiful, sunny climates and playing golf courses that are prepared as well as they can be for us. We're treated like stars. We remember the good days. What's not to like about that?

