

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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PADRAIG HARRINGTON (-5)



Q. Padraig, 5-under-par start, just thoughts on your round today.

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: Five under's OK, I certainly would have taken it going out. Obviously left a couple at the end there, which is -- yeah, you know, would have been nice to play -- you know, missed a short putt at 16 and then a very easy up-and-down on 18. I thought my bunker shot, it wasn't a good shot, but I thought it was better. So yeah, I left a few, but over 72 holes you're going to leave some shots out there. Doesn't matter that much. Fifty-four holes to go, it's a long way.

Q. One shot back through 18 holes?

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: Yeah, I'm in a good place in the tournament. I'm in a bad place in the Schwab Cup. That's the way it is. I'm in a good place in the tournament. But Steven played very nicely today, very steady. Doesn't look like, you know, he's going to do much wrong between here and the end of the week going on today, so it would be hard to see him not finishing in the top-5. So yeah, it's not looking great for that. But the only thing I can control is try and win the tournament. I'm sure that would give me enough joy if I managed to do that on Sunday.

Q. Was it, not to say issue, you shot 5 under, but the greens, did they fool you at all?

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: I putted well today. Yeah, very happy with my putting. I did a lot of work, read the greens great, ran the ball at the hole. You know, I had a short miss on 16. I didn't hit the worst putt in the world, it was -- I was trying to hit it right lip and I just hung it out there and it didn't really break as I hung it out there. It was a downhill three-footer. We don't play gimmes out here.

Q. Overall happy with your round?

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: Yeah, no, I'm happy. I did a lot of really good things out there. Felt I drove it well. I made a -- hit two bad 5-woods which happens to me at times when I start trying to hit my 5-wood too hard, when I start trying to turn my 5-wood into a 3-wood. I'm aware of that now, so when I do have to lay up off the tee, I just have to back off a little bit. Outside of that, you know, I didn't have -- I wasn't in much trouble all day really. Yeah, I was comfortable enough with the game and just keep doing this for another 54 holes and let's see where it gets.

Q. As you're playing 18, did you go after that left bunker?



PADRAIG HARRINGTON: Second shot?

Q. Yeah.

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: No, I hit a draw over the water. I was trying to hit the green and I might have just caught the corner of the green, but obviously there was no (inaudible) there. The left bunker was fine, but I was aiming, I said let's start it right of the pin, put a draw. It was brave, it was brave. Just a little bit of right-to-left wind. Maybe I needed to start it out into the water, but I wasn't that brave. Four-iron, I had 236, so I probably wouldn't have got there with a cut anyway, so hit the draw and be brave. Look, it was a lovely leave. It was a very poor stroked bunker shot, but it looked like I thought it was three or four feet by the hole rather than eight feet, but it doesn't really matter when it comes to 72 holes. Everything can't go in your favor all the time. So the main thing is I'm still in the tournament at this stage.

