

**ROUND 4 INTERVIEW**  
**November 13, 2022**

**PADRAIG HARRINGTON (-27)**



**Q. Padraig Harrington, thank you for joining us. You shot 27 under matching the lowest ever on PGA Tour Champions. Talk us through that.**

**PADRAIG HARRINGTON:** Yeah, I didn't realize that. It's nice to hold the record with Jack Nicklaus, I believe he's done it as well. Kind of glad I didn't beat him.

**Q. And then winning the Charles Schwab Cup Championship, what does that mean?**

**PADRAIG HARRINGTON:** It's very nice to come here under pressure, I came into this event knowing I had to win to give myself a chance in the Charles Schwab Cup, so that brings a certain amount of stress and focus. And to go out and win the tournament from that position, I'm happy with that. That brings a bit of confidence going forward. It's nice to win for a fourth time during the year. There have been several of us who have won four times, so yeah, it caps off a great year.

**Q. What is it about this course that sort of suits your eye?**

**PADRAIG HARRINGTON:** Just there's only a couple of holes with -- a lot of holes with 300-yard carries and bunkers, so the other players have to go around and I can carry it, so I've got an advantage off the tee that I can use here. I feel good and comfortable on the course. I did a lot of work on Tuesday and Wednesday to get good on the greens and I putted well off the back of that.

Both sides of it, just a bit of momentum during the week from good things happening, but also a golf course that sets up well to my eye.

**Q. How unique is an event like this where two guys are able to walk away winners?**

**PADRAIG HARRINGTON:** Yeah, you know, at the start of the week I was very focused on the fact that I'm competing against Steve for the Charles Schwab Cup and I'm trying to win the tournament. It just kind of got in the way. By the end of the week, he was playing so well, I kind of went out there today and just said, look, I'll focus on trying to win this event, do my own thing, play my own game, he looks like he's going to be the winner.

I'm not a person when I'm on the golf course, I hate watching my opposition and wishing them bad. I much prefer a rising tide lifts all ships, so I just didn't want to get involved in what Steve needed to do and just focused on what I needed to do. I think we both played well the three days we played together and we both played well every day.



**Q. What does it say about Steve's perseverance to bounce around tours and then come out here and be the champion?**

**PADRAIG HARRINGTON:** Yes, you know, people will look at that like he bounced around tours, but Steve is probably in the same physical shape now as he was 20 years ago. He's probably hitting the ball every bit as far or further than he did 20 years ago. He's not at a disadvantage that he would have been on the regular tours. He's always been a fine player.

It's tough on the regular tour. There's a lot of guys and you can't really afford to give up an advantage off the tee like Steve would have during his career. Coming out here, it's ideal. And he's gained confidence here, he's kept himself in contention.

But he's a truly deserved winner this year. It's not like he's just come flash in the pan at the end of the year and won a couple events and all of a sudden won the Schwab Cup. The pressure's been on him right from the start of the year all the way through. He had a lead and several of us were catching him all year. It's very impressive that he's not just held on, but he's won in style.

**Q. What kind of confidence does this give you moving forward to next year?**

**PADRAIG HARRINGTON:** Yeah, no, I saw some good stuff. I have a friend who often says about golfers but I know he's kind of saying it about me, some golfers have to win twice, to win a tournament twice, and I didn't have to do that today. I got out there with a lead and I never gave anybody else another chance at the tournament, so that brings a lot of confidence I can take a lead and just, you know, run away with it rather than, as I said, in past years I would have let somebody back into the event. I probably would have went on to win, but I would have made it more exciting for the crowd. Today I was pretty boring.

**Q. Yeah, you were on it from the second shot on 1.**

**PADRAIG HARRINGTON:** Yeah, I had three birdies in the first five holes that were all tap-ins. The first looked like I made eagle. I think once I hit the tee shot on the first, I had tears in my eyes because Fig, Keith, Newton was retiring and they announced him there and I got a bit emotional. But also that out-of-bounds is very tight down the left of 1 and I got a lead, but I wasn't backing off. Once I hit that drive, I hit some great drives down the first hole this week, just a little 9-iron in there. From then on, I think I was comfortable all day.

