

**ROUND 3 INTERVIEW**  
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**PADRAIG HARRINGTON**



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**Q. Padraig Harrington, thank you for joining us. Setting the record for the Schwab Cup 54 holes, your best ever round. What's been working this week and specifically today?**

**PADRAIG HARRINGTON:** You know, today was a good day. I think I've been playing pretty solid all the way through and just waiting for a good day like today. I obviously got a nice break, I think it was (inaudible) but there were three eagle putts it wasn't a huge amount of things going at that stage. And then obviously the four birdies in a row, I was out of position on two of the holes, so that's the sort of thing you try and stay patient for and wait to happen. So, yeah, game has been good and if your game is good, good things like that come to you. But I will say you've got to be very careful for what you want, because I did say at the start of the week I wanted a 72 hole tournament. I would be better off with a 54, wouldn't I?

**Q. You mentioned the eagle. You got started today with an eagle on one. Walker made par on that hole. What does that flip do for you?**

**PADRAIG HARRINGTON:** You know, it made me tentative because I was in the lead. I left the putt shot on the next hole. I hit a couple wedge shots at the back pins that I wasn't aggressive on. It just -- it's amazing, not that I would change my shot selection. Just when you're in the lead you can get a little bit tentative, tentative swing. So I didn't want to change anything because things were going well and obviously as I said I got on nice run on the back nine. Maybe a couple of those shots I was forced into hitting, which is never a bad thing.



When you're in the lead, it's a different prospect.

**Q. You're in the lead going into tomorrow. How do you approach that?**

**PADRAIG HARRINGTON:** Look, I've got to play the way I've been doing all year and focus on what I'm doing, and I certainly have had some good tournaments doing that. I think I'm better than, you know, I've been in past years. I'm bold, I do my own thing, which has never been my strength. I've always been a better chaser than leader. We'll go and see tomorrow what happens. I've certainly given myself a few options. You know, five ahead, so hopefully I'll go out there and play well and can wave at the crowds which if it doesn't happen that way, well, we'll have to dig deep and find another way of winning.

**Q. Has the golf course dried out a little bit, gotten a little quicker?**

**PADRAIG HARRINGTON:** I think it was warmer today a little bit. The ball certainly, obviously I hit the ball, it was going quite a bit further today. But further in the air too, I was making some of the carries that I wasn't making yesterday. So I just thought like I was having a good hitting day. But, yeah, I suppose it is -- it is interesting because a lot of 300 yard carries off the tee, which I'm good to make, but now as you said, the fairway firming up a bit was bringing the next bit of trouble into play. So an easy bunker up the left at 380 was out of play, now you have to go up the right. So, yeah, it could be making it a little tougher, but I'm sure the guys who aren't making those carries aren't feeling in any way sorry for me.

**Q. Was that carry on 7, I mean –**



**PADRAIG HARRINGTON:** That was, yeah, 300 yard carry into the wind which I've got to say, if I hit it like that for the rest of my life I'd probably be happy until midnight anyway.

**Q. What happened with the nice tip that you gave the guy that backed off your shadow?**

**PADRAIG HARRINGTON:** Yeah, there was a bunch of guys who were sitting in the corner of the grandstand on 16, and the shadows late in the day were just coming across. They were moving. They wouldn't know, so I needed them to move, which they'd been sitting there I assume all day waiting for this -- I hope they were waiting for me all day. I got them to move. They still got a good view, but I did buy them a beer afterwards. I gave it to one guy, but it was for everybody in the area. I actually went in with 50, and I kind of says you can only get a few beers for 50, I better go back with more.

**Q. That's so nice.**

