

DICK'S SPORTING GOODS OPEN

ROUND 3 INTERVIEW

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PADRAIG HARRINGTON (-18)

Q. Padraig, you're the first back-to-back winner here. You got your family in town with you this week, how special is that for you?

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: It's great. They obviously were here last year. My oldest son, believe it or not, drove to New York today after the first hole so he missed the whole thing. He's going to be gutted. But the youngest son and my wife is here.

Yeah, it's nice when you've got people around, and certainly during the week -- I got a slow start this week, it's hard after last week -- just having family around, they make sure you don't get down on yourself.

Q. With eight holes to play, you really weren't even in the picture, we weren't even talking about you. What sparked the finish?

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: You know, I played really nicely for the first 12 holes. Three three-putts. You know, you can't three-putt when you're chasing like that.

And then on 11 I got in trouble and made a great up-and-down. It was amazing, it was a bad hole that kicked that, kind of gave me, oh, that was OK. I got and down from 31 yards out of a bunker, holed an eight-footer and it kind of -- it went from feeling like everything was going against you, to, oh, that's not so bad. Obviously I wasn't thinking about winning at that stage, I was thinking about just trying to make as many birdies.

When I started making them, yeah, then I started thinking about it when I got, I suppose, three or four of them. But it was a bonus obviously to make eagle. It was nice pushing up the tee on 16 helped, just made it a perfect 3-wood whereas every other day you're kind of between driver, 3-wood. First day I went with 3-wood when I was making all those bad decisions. Today, it was a perfect 3-wood. That was a nice bonus.

And when I had about a six-footer on 17, it's amazing when you're holing putts. I could have closed my eyes, turned my back and I would have holed the putts on 17. It's amazing, when they're going in you can't see a way of missing. When they're not going in, as they were on the front nine, I couldn't see a way of getting them in.

Q. What a great turnaround. You're coming off great play, you mentioned playing last week at the U.S. Open. You had two 190-yard par 3s there, it was a par-4 this week. How much did that play into your confidence this week?



PADRAIG HARRINGTON: Yeah, look, there's no doubt a lot of players came up to me this week and said "well played last week", and that does you no harm, does you no harm.

And as I've said about the Champions Tour, it's interesting, when we're out here we're trying to beat the hell out of each other, but whenever somebody goes back to the regular Tour we're all rooting for them. We're all hoping whoever goes back plays well just to prove that we still have it out here.

And it is startling how much pressure you're under out here. You've got to shoot 18 under in three days. That's a lot of work. Doesn't matter, you know, you've got to hole the putts, you've got to hit the wedges close, you've got to play some golf to get to 18 under par. You know these guys can play.

Q. Well, congratulations on your second win here, first of the year. Way to go. Good luck now the rest of the year.

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: You know, the interesting thing is it took me half the year last year. This is the week --

Q. So watch out?

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: Well, I won four from this period on. I don't like superstitions or anything like that, but it took me half a year to get going last year and I won this week. Obviously the U.S. Open was this week last year, U.S. Open Senior, so second half of the year I'm here for a run.

