

**PRESS CONFERENCE**  
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**SHANE LOWRY**



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**JACK RYAN:** We would like to welcome Shane Lowry into the interview room here at the Wyndham Championship.

Shane, as we just discussed, this is your sixth start here at the Wyndham Championship, you've got one top-10, so if we could just get an opening comment on being back here at Sedgefield Country Club.

**SHANE LOWRY:** Yeah, I mean, I've only one top-10 here, but I feel like I like the course, I like coming here to play. As I've, moved to America and spent a lot of time over here, I've become used to bermuda and I quite like it now, so it's a course that I feel I can play well around. You can't overpower this golf course. You need to play golf, you need to shape shots, and yeah, it's a place that I feel like I could do well around, so that's why I'm here.

**JACK RYAN:** Coming into the week No. 76 in the FedExCup standings, you've qualified for the Playoffs in each of the last four seasons. What's the mentality coming into the week as far as making a push to get into that top-70 before next week?

**SHANE LOWRY:** Yeah obviously I'm here because I want to make it into next week. I think it's easy to sit here and go, oh, I just want to play well, I want to go out and try and win the tournament. No, at the end of the day, I want to make it into next week, I want to make it into the Playoffs and I want to make a run at the Playoffs.

You know, at this stage I'm sitting here and I still feel like I can make the TOUR Championship, so that's an exciting place to be. I think obviously I would prefer if I was in a better spot coming in here, but I'm not. It is what it is now and I'm going to need a good week this week.

Memphis is a course that I like playing and I've played all right in the past, so if I can get there, I know I can make a run there. Yeah, I certainly don't want to be sitting home on my couch watching the Playoffs. It's a lot of motivation for me this week to play good golf and hopefully get my rewards at the end of it.

**Q. As you said, you would like to be higher in the race, but how would you describe your season this year? Do you feel like it's better than maybe your standing on the points?**

**SHANE LOWRY:** I think so. I think there's been a lot of good, not much great, which on the PGA TOUR doesn't cut it. I think I've had a lot of, say if you look at probably a lot of top-20 finishes, but you need those great weeks, you need those top-5s to move up the FedExCup



points list. You finish -- you come off a week finishing 15th to 20th and you feel like you've played well but you don't get many FedExCup points, you don't get what you feel like you might deserve from your play.

Yeah, it's been an interesting year for me. I've played, the way the schedule is with the elevated events, or designated events, is that what they're called?

**JACK RYAN:** Designated events.

**SHANE LOWRY:** Designated events. I feel like I've played some places that I wouldn't normally play and I've had to miss tournaments that I normally like to play. So it's been an interesting year for me.

But like I said, I'm here now and I want to play well and I want to get into next week and I want to make a run in the Playoffs.

**Q. Does it feel like the Playoffs (inaudible) start for you?**

**SHANE LOWRY:** Yeah, I've seen some people talking about that yesterday. That's kind of a good way to put it. It's obviously top-70 this year, not 125, so if you look at the 125 that are here and we're trying to make it into next week, yeah, you could call it like the first playoff event. But like I said, you need to play well and make a move into next week.

**Q. Do you think you play better when you know you're in a situation like this (inaudible)?**

**SHANE LOWRY:** I don't know. I much prefer not to be (Laughs).

You know, it's funny, I feel like I've been in this -- not this situation, but I've been in situations like this quite a bit over the last number of years. Like I miss out on the TOUR Championship by one spot last year, by two shots in 2019. I remember playing here one year, I'd been told I needed a top-10 to get to the Playoffs, I finished seventh and I missed out by one point. So I feel like the Playoffs nearly owes me one at this stage, so hopefully -- that's what I'm trying to tell myself this year.

Look, I feel like I've been playing some pretty good golf most of the year. I'm coming off the back of a pretty bad week at The Open, which I was very disappointed with, but I had a nice holiday with my family last week to kind of regroup and hopefully get going again this week.

**Q. Knowing that you are in the situation, what do you have to do to make sure that you stay in the right mode, that you stay playing your game and don't get too focused on what's going on?**

**SHANE LOWRY:** Yeah, like it's hard at times. I'm a leaderboard watcher, I like to know what's going on. Although I don't know where I need to finish this week, I know I need a



pretty good week.

But at the end of the day you're out there, first things first, you're trying to win the tournament this week, you're trying to play decent golf the first couple days, get yourself in position on Saturday and then put yourself in a good position into Sunday. That's how it is.

So yeah, you just try and look after the usual things, one shot at a time and try and take care of that and make as many birdies as you can out there. You know, I know if I play my own game that everything else will take care of itself.

**Q. You mentioned birdies. I think Tom Kim had 25 or 26 birdies last year. When you have to make so many birdies, do you like that kind of style when you come into a course like this?**

**SHANE LOWRY:** Yeah, I think this is a funny venue where, you know, sometimes it can play quite difficult. If you're not hitting fairways out here, it's a difficult golf course, but if you hit fairways, there's a lot of chances. There's probably four or five holes that are really strong that you take pars on and then the rest of them you try and go after.

Yeah, there's a lot of birdies to be had out there, but you also need to be diligent in what you're doing. Like I said earlier, you can't just overpower it. Some courses we play on Tour, it's almost automatic you're going to make four birdies a day, but even though people will do it out here, it's not automatic and it's not given, you need to play good golf.

**JACK RYAN:** Shane, thank you very much for your time.

**SHANE LOWRY:** Thank you.

