

**ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES**  
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**PADRAIG HARRINGTON (-10)**



**Q. Paddy, 8 under, just takeaways from Round 2?**

**PADRAIG HARRINGTON:** Yeah, it was kind of a mixed bag. I hit some really nice shots at times, other times a little bit of maybe got one or two nice breaks at times out there. But 8 under seems like a reasonable term for the way I played.

**Q. I was talking to Retief yesterday and this golf course, a little different than last year; greens are a little faster, pins are cut tougher and the rough's a little higher, but you still managed to turn in a good round.**

**PADRAIG HARRINGTON:** Well, the rough's a nonevent, that's for sure, but the greens are extremely quick, like extremely. If you miss a green and you chip it across the green, it's hard to get -- yeah, they're tough on the greens, but they're so pure it's not a problem. It's when you miss the green, just chipping is a nightmare onto them, they're so fast.

**Q. Going into the weekend, your thoughts? You're in good position. You've got a couple of guys hovering around, but you're in good position.**

**PADRAIG HARRINGTON:** I don't know where I'm going to finish up at the end of the day, but I kind of said it yesterday, you know. I bogeyed the last yesterday. If I birdied and got to 4 under par, that was OK, but 2 under par left me with a lot to do. I was thankful that this is a 72-hole tournament. When I tweeted that out, it's a 72-hole tournament, I also meant that I better get back in it quick because this is the reality of the Champions Tour. You can't fall too far behind, there's too many guys going to go forward. So yeah, it was important to come out and shoot a low one today.

**Q. It's a little unfortunate for Steve Stricker to not be here because of his father. I know he's heartbroken, but it gives you a shot at the Cup.**

**PADRAIG HARRINGTON:** No, it has no effect on the Schwab Cup at all. He's the winner, a deserved winner. Obviously it would be nice if he was here so he could take his applause and a few bows to the crowd because he deserves it, he played great this year. Winning three of the Champions Tour majors is just great play. I suppose we're all getting to that age, not that -- we know family comes first, but there are always family things happening in the background, so obviously Steve has put family first and that's the right thing to do.

**Q. How much of comfort factor -- you did it earlier at Dick's -- coming back to an event where you've had success?**



**PADRAIG HARRINGTON:** I think it can be hard. I think I went out there yesterday with a lot of expectations and was getting a little bit down on myself at times, and even today my caddie said after I hit a good shot on one hole, he said, you know, you can smile. I think that kind of happens at times when you have those expectations when you're defending, when you feel like you're playing great, you can put yourself under a little bit too much pressure instead of your best performances sometimes come when -- I know it's a cliché, when you let it happen.

