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## Shane Lowry

### Quick Quotes

SHANE LOWRY: Pleasing, but could have been better, you know, like most of my days this year.

Obviously got to 4-under after 9 and I was pretty happy with myself.

I got robbed on 10 and I was sort of thinking if I could shoot 5-under today that -- I was really happy when I woke up this morning and seen the sun out and bit of wind.

I thought the leaders are not playing very late. Might get a bit tougher than we're going to get it, so I thought if I could shoot a score -- 2-under wasn't what I had in mind, but still decent.

Probably as the day goes on (indiscernible) might be a little bit, but there are still some chances out there if you play well.

Yeah, 16, 17 was just a bit sour for me. Just lost concentration on 16, then just hit my putt too hard on 17.

Yeah, other than that, it was a good day. It was another good day.

#### Q. What happened on 10?

SHANE LOWRY: I hit a great putt and just got really slowly -- yeah.

So, hit two nice shots in there. Spun off the green. I don't know how I got too much spin, how I spun off the green on a day like this to be honest. Was a soft spot there.

#### Q. What did you make of the 15th?

SHANE LOWRY: Yeah, I had a plan, a game plan to just play it in to the slope where the pin was yesterday. So I did. I hit a great shot and hit it to 25 feet, so I was pretty happy with myself making par there. 83 yards.

I think most of the par-3s you're kind of happy with par on this course. Yeah, it's different. It's interesting.



#### Q. 210 yard difference between...

SHANE LOWRY: Yeah, it is. Like there is nowhere really to hit it. Like I kind of go if I hit ten balls there I would probably hit the green with once. I'm not going to take that on, especially I was doing okay. I thought if we could sneak one more be a lovely day, so, yeah.

#### Q. Are you attempted to try to take the draft and go at the pin or...

SHANE LOWRY: No, I think at this level you just need to be very disciplined in your decisions. Look, if I was three or four over par for the round maybe I would've stood up and tried to do something.

But when you're going okay you do need to be disciplined with your decisions. At the start of the week I set a little knob in the middle of the green, like it was 95 yards to it today. I said I'm going to try and land it on that and spin it spin back off that 20, 30 feet, and that's what I did.

#### Q. You got what you wanted out of the front. Is it just really hard to get through the back with a clean sheet?

SHANE LOWRY: Yeah, it is. Like 11, I didn't hit a great shot on 11.

Hit a decent drive on 12. Just missed the fairway. It was absolutely dead. You know, it's been a while since I had a lie that bad in the rough.

You just kind of grind.

Even 14, I birdied 14. Good chance but hit a bad shot and all of a sudden, you seen what happened to Tommy. Tommy got absolutely screwed there.

Yeah, look, if you play it well, like 17 is a really hard hole, but I hit two great shots to eight feet there; Tommy hit it to four feet.

It's doable, but it's hard to do for the whole day on a course like this. You need everything to be going your way to kind of go really low out here.



**Q. What pleased you most about your game this week?**

SHANE LOWRY: Yeah, I feel like I've been mentally pretty good. I putted nice. Early on today I holed some great par putts.

So pretty happy with that. My iron play hasn't been amazing, as good as it normally is. That 7-iron on the last was pretty poor to be honest.

Yeah it's one of those weeks where I'm finding other stuff and losing others. It's a funny game where I'm doing some things well one week and then other things well another week.

Like I keep saying, it'll all come together soon. I just hope it's on the right week.

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