

# WGC Dell Technologies Match Play

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Austin, Texas, USA

Austin Country Club

## Rory McIlroy

### Quick Quotes

#### Q. Had you driven 18 in practice rounds?

RORY McILROY: I can't remember. No, I don't think so. I don't think the wind was quite as strong. Yeah, I certainly didn't expect to fly it on the green. It's almost one of those, when it's that far much downwind, it's almost like I could have hit 3-wood to get the down slope to get the skid. Like, I was imagining the driver was going to land into the upslope and sort of stay 10, 20 yards short. But as I said, I didn't imagine I could fly it on the green.

#### Q. Did you have any idea when you were way back there on the tee how close it was?

RORY McILROY: No. Sort of got a hundred yards up the fairway, and Smylie was out commentating on the group, and he said, dude, you just flew that on green. And I was like, oh, okay. So I didn't know for a little bit.

#### Q. What did you have in on 12? Because it was sort of the same wind, right?

RORY McILROY: Yeah, 12, I had 154 yards for my second shot off a three-quarter wedge.

#### Q. (No Microphone.)

RORY McILROY: I think the drives I hit on 12, even 13, 15, 16, 18, you know, I drove the ball great those last few holes and hit it really well. Yeah, it was great to see. Similar to yesterday too. I felt like I drove the ball really well yesterday.

#### Q. You've been involved in some really good matches over the course of your career, obviously a lot of Ryder Cup matches. How do you compare that one, though, when it seems how well both of you played?

RORY McILROY: Yeah, it wasn't easy out there. It's windy and blustery and tricky. It was good. I'm really proud of myself that I hung in there after being three down



early and clawing it back and producing the shots that I did over the last few holes to ultimately get the job done.

#### Q. Same driver you used yesterday?

RORY McILROY: Yes.

#### Q. So you feeling good about this driver? Starting to trust it?

RORY McILROY: Yeah, it's -- I feel like I took it out of the box on Friday last week and the first two shots with it I was like, here we go. That's what it should be. When you're trying to fit clubs and stuff I don't think there should be too much fiddling about with it. It was like first two shots out of the box and it was like, yeah, I think I've got one here. So it's nice to sort of see that feeling translate into the same thing on the golf course.

#### Q. Where does this rank in terms of shots you've hit to three feet nine inches in your career?

RORY McILROY: (Laughing.) I was 1-up and there's certainly a lot of other ways to make birdie on that hole without having to do that. But, yeah, it was a great swing and it was great time to do it.

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