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Caves Valley Golf Club

Rory McIlroy

Quick Quotes



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Q. Just overall assessment on your week here?

RORY MCILROY: Yeah, it's been a good week. A lot more encouraging than last week at the Northern Trust. Played better. I got off to a better start. I think that's the thing, as well; Pete Cowan has always been on me about if you start tournaments well, you'll do well. It was nice to play a good first round this week and sort of build off of that and not really be trying to play catch-up all the time.

But yeah, it was a really good week. I hit the ball well. I putted better with the old putter back in the bag.

Yeah, look, all I wanted to do was get to East Lake next week, and it's nice that I've moved up a few spots, as well, and probably start a couple of shots closer to the leader.

Q. The past few months have maybe seen some frustrations and things to work through. Were there some specific things this week that you feel like clicked or maybe you got back to those fundamentals that are really showing positive signs and making you kind of a happier golfer as you go on to East Lake?

RORY MCILROY: Yeah. It's not as if I've been playing badly the last few months. I just feel like I haven't been getting a lot out of my game. I tidied up my short game a bit this week, which was nice to see, made some good up-and-downs, made putts when I needed to hole putts to save a par or to make a birdie on a par-5 and keep the momentum going. Just all of those little things that -- like you don't necessarily feel that you play that differently, but all those little things add up to two or three shots a day, and that's a big difference out here.

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