

# Hero Dubai Desert Classic

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Dubai, UAE

Majlis Course at Emirates Golf Club

## Rory McIlroy

### Press Conference



**Q. A closing round of 66 for a total of 12-under par, your 12th top 10 in a row here. How do you feel about this one?**

RORY McILROY: That's pretty cool. Yeah, I probably just left myself a bit too much to do after three days. I had chances, and I was burning the edges.

Felt like I putted pretty well without anything going in and then today, didn't really feel like I played that differently the way I played the last few days. I just held a couple of putts and made a couple of good up-and-downs when I had to. I feel like I got progressively better as the week went on, which bodes well for obviously the next few weeks.

**Q. Start of the year, establishes where your game is good and needs work. What are your thoughts on your swing?**

RORY McILROY: Probably just a little bit of game management. I think when you take a few weeks off and you come back to play like a really good tournament setup like this, I look at some flags on greens and like, whoa, that's quite a bit further to the right than I thought it would be or that's quite a bit further to the left.

When you're playing at home and the greens are in the middle of the greens, it just gives you a different visual. Then you get out here, and your aim lines start to become a little different. So.

I think playing a week like this, it sort of gives me a good appreciation for what I need to do the next few weeks.

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