

# DP World Tour Championship

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Jumeirah Golf Estates

## Rory McIlroy

### Quick Quotes

**Q. That was a transformative final three holes, was it not?**

RORY McILROY: I think it was, yeah. The first 33 holes were quite average to say the least.

Yeah, it was nice to finish with a flourish and at least have some positivity going into the weekend. I obviously got myself a little closer to the leaders.

The leaders still have nines holes to play. So I don't know where I'm going to be going into the weekend, but it's not as far away as it seemed to be about an hour ago. So that's a good thing.

**Q. Was it something that just clicked or it just happened, birdie, birdie, eagle finish?**

RORY McILROY: I think it just happened. Hit two lovely shots into 16, and hit a really nice iron shot into 17.

And then got lucky at the last. I was trying to go up the left side of the creek, and I ended up going up the right side. It's one of those ones, you're in the middle of it, you might miss it one side or the other. Not a great design of the golf ball, but anyways.

**Q. Who designed it?**

RORY McILROY: I'm not sure. But yeah, got away with it and hit a great 4-iron for the second, probably the best swing I've made all week, to set up the eagle.

It was really nice to finish like that. As I said, gives me some positive vibes to work with going into the weekend.

**Q. And important for you because it is the final weekend of the season, you've got a stated objective for the week.**

RORY McILROY: Yeah, and Fitz is obviously making it more difficult for me. I don't know what the permutations are but as long as he keeps playing well, I'm going to have



to play better. It's a good challenge coming up the last 36 holes, and I at least feel like I've still got something to play for here, so I'm excited for that.

**Q. And finally, what was the dynamic like out there, obviously playing with someone who has had a bit of LIV experience this season?**

RORY McILROY: Yeah, it was fine. Look, I've known Adrian a long time. He probably put in one of the most impressive performances this year; going 19-under par around Valderrama is an unbelievable achievement.

Look, it is what it is. He's a great player. He deserve to be here because he's made it into the top 50 and he's played well. The dynamic was absolutely fine.

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