

# Horizon Irish Open

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Thomastown, County Kilkenny, Ireland

Mount Juliet Estate

## Padraig Harrington

### Quick Quotes

**Q. Thank you, very much, Pádraig. You open with a 70. I know that's not the finish you wanted. But given the whirlwind you've been on the last few days, how would you assess your round?**

PÁDRAIG HARRINGTON: It's a pity with the finish. I was hoping to get 4-under, so I think with 17 and two bogeys, maybe I'm a bit tired. Who knows. It's just a part of the game, isn't it.

Not going to let it -- I knew there would be tough patches this week no matter what, that I would have a struggle. So I'm not going to worry about it, get some sleep tonight. Get up in the morning and hopefully go low tomorrow.

**Q. You talked yesterday about the energy of having these crowds around you. Did it help you on the first tee and onward?**

PÁDRAIG HARRINGTON: It really was great. It's a big crowd well behind me. There was a bit of a buzz, and I played nicely all the way through, so it was okay. It's important to play nice when you have the home crowd. And, yeah, hopefully I can deliver a little bit more tomorrow, but I think the crowds are helping.

**Q. Pádraig, 2-under par, 70 to open with. Do you feel your play deserved better?**

PÁDRAIG HARRINGTON: I think at the end I was hoping, you know, coming in, I was kind of thinking when I got to 3-under par if I could get it to 4 would be a really good day.

Disappointed to drop the shots at the end. You know, I knew there would be tough patches in this week no matter what. Yeah. So I get a good night's sleep, come back tomorrow and hopefully get a good run tomorrow.

**Q. You mentioned yesterday that coming off the back of a win, sometimes it can be a bit flat. What are the energy levels like?**

PÁDRAIG HARRINGTON: Well, I kept myself in the game



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enough, and the crowds were certainly there helping me. So, yeah, I was okay today I would have said. I think the key is not to -- 2-under is okay, but like if you're any worse, you would be very flat going in tomorrow. At least at 2-under I still have an opportunity to go forward.

And as I said, it is important, when you come to a week -- off a week like that week, that you keep momentum going. And, you know, today, it's certainly no disaster. I think there's plenty guys who went low, and you see that, and hopefully I can be one of those guys tomorrow.

**Q. And if you were flagging at any point today, did the crowd help?**

PÁDRAIG HARRINGTON: The crowds are great. Yeah. You know what, I hit enough good shots that, you know, it was -- there was a nice buzz about it, both my play and practice, we're enjoying that fact, that the -- you know, there were saying -- you know, Lucas was saying it was as big as he'd seen any individuals sort of out there, so it was a nice -- really nice support. Nice to get it. And, look, I always get the support here at home, and maybe today was a little bit bigger than normal, but it's very much appreciated.

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