

# Horizon Irish Open

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Thomastown, County Kilkenny, Ireland

Mount Juliet Estate

## Lucas Herbert

### Quick Quotes

**Q. Second round 68, just the one bad mark on your card. You must be happy with that?**

LUCAS HERBERT: Yeah, I feel like it hasn't been two of my greatest days, and I'm still in that top 10 at the moment. In a good position going into the weekend it looks like. Shouldn't be too far away from the lead.

Obviously depends on what the afternoon field does but I can't see myself being too far out of the lead, goal for the week, get to 20-under and well on the way to doing that. If everything gets firing over the weekend, there's no reason why we can't be there.

**Q. Course seems pretty soft and gettable at times. I imagine you've got a better cut at the draw at the moment.**

LUCAS HERBERT: Yeah, I had to pretend to be upset what I saw last night when I saw what the weather forecast looked like in the afternoon. Just luck of the draw. Some weeks you get, it some weeks you don't. PGA Championship, I got the bad side of the draw. There's times where you get the good side and the bad side and this week I got the good side.

**Q. How does it feel as defending champion, does it feel like you have a weight on your shoulders, hopefully as the week goes on, that's alleviated a little bit?**

LUCAS HERBERT: Probably somewhat, yeah. I mean, it's great to be honest. There's so much support here; I almost feel like an adopted Irishman this week. It's been great with Paddy as well. The crowd out there for him has been unbelievable. He just holed a putt on 9 to be pretty safe to make the cut. The roar that came out of them was pretty incredible. It's been nice to have both those out there this week.

**Q. I was going to say, the fan presence must be incredible especially with Pádraig in your group. Do you feel like you get some of that inspiration from the**



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### fans as well?

LUCAS HERBERT: Definitely a little bit. I mean, it feels like the majority of them are out there for Paddy but definitely saw some boys out there wearing a red shirt yesterday, so I know there's a couple in the crowd for me and my parents are here, too. I know there's more than two in the crowd for me.

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