

# Amgen Irish Open

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Royal County Down GC

## Seamus Power

### Quick Quotes

#### Q. A game of two halves, as the old phrase goes?

SEAMUS POWER: Yeah, that was a strange one. I didn't do a ton wrong. Struggled on the more exposed greens on the front for sure, two, three putts from no distance and a bad tee shot off the first.

Besides that, it's tricky out there. The front nine is very tricky. Disappointing with the finish.

#### Q. Just the way you started obviously, you holed a lot of putts on the front nine. To a certain degree, did you run out of juice in that regard?

SEAMUS POWER: It was just different. I underestimated the difference. A lot of the greens on the back are much more sheltered than I kind of realised until today. Obviously the Pro-Am yesterday, I only played the front and they were all tough going.

The back is actually much easier to putt on, at least I thought. You've got 18 sheltered by the grandstand and then some of the gorse bushes and stuff like that. I struggled on the front. I did hit some good putts, but you get a little gust in the air, and there's not much you can do.

#### Q. 15, you're a long way coming back in there.

SEAMUS POWER: Oh, yeah, I half-skied the thing. I was lucky. I thought it was going to come all the way back.

#### Q. There's a lot of thinking to be done on this course.

SEAMUS POWER: There is. There is. It's just in general, it doesn't give you much of a break. There's a lot of good holes. You know, the first is a bit of -- 18 and 1 was kind of the turn, I felt really good. I thought had I hit a good second shot into 18. Had the wrong bounce and didn't make birdie and then obviously hit a bad tee shot off the first and made a six. Kind of got me on the back foot. That's kind of golf. I three-putted the second as well. So all of a sudden you're back to even, and that's a tough stretch coming up there, and you kind of need a couple

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shots.

But did a lot of good things, so that's kind of the frustrating part but just didn't handle the greens on the front side which is poor.

2-, 3-under is going to be a very good score. It's tricky. Because even if you hit good shots, you need the right bounces, and even if you hit a good shot at 10, 12 feet, it can be tough on certain greens.

There's a couple good chances that you kind of need to take and I didn't really take them, especially on the turn there. It puts you going the wrong way and obviously disappointing way to finish there. I had a couple of lovely shots and then made a mess of it.

But that can happen. You get a gust of wind at the wrong time, and it happened to me there. But it happens sometimes in the wind.

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