

# Alfred Dunhill Links Championship

Saturday, October 1, 2022

*St. Andrews, Fife, Scotland*

## Rory McIlroy

### Quick Quotes

**Q. 1-over par through three holes, turned into seven birdies, 66. Give us your verdict on that.**

RORY McILROY: Yeah, it was good. You know, obviously we had a lot of rain yesterday and that softened the course up. So even though it was quite windy out there, the ball was pretty much soft wherever it landed. So it made it quite scorable today, and the rough isn't up but it's set up pretty generously obviously for the amateurs. Plenty of opportunities, only it wasn't the way I wanted to start, spinning it back into the burn on 1.

Played some nice golf after that. Just trying to keep up with my dad on the front nine. He took care of the front, I took care of the back, and it looks like we are going to be able to play again tomorrow, which is great.

**Q. You go into tomorrow's round eight behind the leader, who has a runaway, four shots and you're only four behind second place. If he was to falter, how do you go about that final round? You need a super low one if he plays okay and not such a low one if he doesn't?**

RORY McILROY: The way this golf course is, St Andrews right now, I find it hard to see how someone doesn't go out there and shoot a couple under. It's playing pretty -- it's as easy as it can be right now, and even today with a 20-, 25-mile-an-hour wind, I'm not sure what the forecast is like tomorrow, but if I can go out and shoot a low one, but -- yeah, if I could maybe get to the number that Richard's on right now, 15, shoot 8-under tomorrow, at least you'd go out and you'd have to make him shoot under par. I guess I could go out and that would be a decent target.

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