The 149th Open

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Shane Lowry.

Q. Can you give us your thoughts on today's performance?

SHANE LOWRY: I'd say I played pretty average. I didn't play my best golf. But then again, you're playing with Louis who's shooting 6-under and playing great. It kind of makes you feel probably a little bit different.

Disappointed to bogey the last. I think if I would have parred the last and shot level par I would have been quite happy with myself going home this afternoon, but I didn't. I got an unfortunate bounce and went into the bunker and made bogey.

But I battled hard. I was quite proud of myself. On to tomorrow.

Q. Anything in particular you're going to work on going into the next round today?

SHANE LOWRY: I need to hit the ball in play better, especially with my driver. I didn't hit many fairways with my driver. I did hit quite a few 3-irons off the tees and I hit fairways, but you need to drive the ball in play.

Playing this course out of the rough is not the place to be. Yeah, I'm going to hit a few drives when I finish here and hopefully sort something out for tomorrow.

Q. Is it nice to see some fans out there on the course?

SHANE LOWRY: It was great. It was a very special day for me. The announcement on the first tee, I've been waiting over a year for that, so it's quite nice. It was quite unsettling at the start. I got off to a pretty nervy start. I battled hard for the rest of it.

But it's so good to have the crowds here and it's so good to be playing in the Open Championship like we know. Like the big grandstands and the big crowds and getting clapped on the grandstands and on the tees, that's pretty cool.

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