

The 152nd Open

Mixed Zone

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Laurie Canter



Q. Laurie, reflections on the round. It seemed to be a brutal day out there.

LAURIE CANTER: Yeah, so tough. I think we had a good draw yesterday. We got out before it got kind of really, really heavy with the wind. It's funny, I think that sort of 5-, 10-mile-an-hour difference in wind speed does make a big difference. The front nine was so, so tough. The whole golf course is so tough.

You're trying to control your ball, and I think if you do that, it can throw you some chances.

But you're looking at a lot of putts from, best case, 30 to 50 foot in some cases. It just feels like you're grinding every hole. It's a great test, and I'm obviously delighted to kind of hang on, especially on that back nine.

Q. The back nine was good, wasn't it.

LAURIE CANTER: Yeah, it was good. We had a bit more wind with us, but I hit a lot of fairways, a lot of greens, and tried to make my two putts and get out of there, really.

Q. You've obviously played The Open a few times. Where do the conditions here for this round compare? Was that the hardest round you've ever played?

LAURIE CANTER: I don't think it's the hardest conditions. We've played it probably windier. Well, I've played in ones that are windy, but the golf course is so hard. I don't think the course even needs that much wind for it to be a test. So when you've got 20 mile an hour, gusting 30, 35, it's brutal, and then obviously you're out there for five hours concentrating hard, and you get holes like 8 thrown at you, there's a lot of thinking, so you spend a lot of energy out there just walking around.

Add in some pretty tasty wind, it's just a brutal test.

Q. How mentally and physically draining is it?

LAURIE CANTER: Yeah, very. Certainly as much as any golf we play.

Q. You're here for the weekend; thoughts on that?

LAURIE CANTER: Yeah, I am delighted with that. I had last weekend off at the Scottish, so it's nice to obviously play -- this is the one we want to play and hang about for. I'm not a mile there off the top 5. I can put a couple of good rounds together. I know I can climb that board and do all right this weekend hopefully.

Q. They call it moving day.

LAURIE CANTER: Exactly. That's the plan. Yeah, I think it will just be get a nice dinner and get my head down tonight and go again tomorrow.

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