The 153rd Open

Mixed Zone Thursday, 17 July 2025 **Marc Leishman**



Q. Obviously a frustrating finish there, but how tough was it early in your round? You really got some wild conditions early.

MARC LEISHMAN: Yeah, we got -- it was a tough start. I hit some -- I don't think I hit a bad shot until the chip shot in on 7. Good drives, they've gone in bunkers, just it was frustrating. But that's the way it goes. Happy to fight back and then obviously disappointed there to three-putt the last. Hopefully can get out early and have a good one in the morning.

Q. It felt like a day where you struggled to get momentum. A couple of good holes, but the golf course and the conditions snuck up. Did you feel that for yourself?

MARC LEISHMAN: I felt like I had some good -- hit some decent tee shots and then couldn't really get it close. It was really hard to get it close. A few shots you felt like you wanted to run off of those bunkers there and you couldn't.

I found that a little difficult, but it was the same for everyone. Definitely hard to get momentum. Sort of had a couple of birdies there on, what was that, 14, 15. Good par on 16. Unfortunately, like I said, pissed off at that on the last. That's golf. Try to fight back tomorrow.

Q. It's a long day today. Did you try to watch coverage and see what the golf course was doing or what the other guys were doing or just worry about yourself?

MARC LEISHMAN: I think I got up about 8:00, watched an hour. Felt like we were on the golf course for about 12 hours. We've been on the course for three hours through eight holes. That was tough to deal with, especially coming from somewhere where we play in under 4 1/2 every week.

You got to deal with all that sort of stuff, and I felt like I dealt with it decently well. Just got a little frustrated there. I thought I was playing really good and not getting anything out of it, but the conditions were tough. Hopefully just get a good one going in the morning.

Q. Were you given any reason for the hold-up and why things were so slow out there ahead of you?

MARC LEISHMAN: No, just everyone takes their time.

Q. Did you look at the leaderboard? It's very, very congested there. Just a few birdies in the space of six or seven holes, and you can climb up 15 spots.

MARC LEISHMAN: I think that's what's so frustrating on the last there to see me go -- I don't know where I was, but I would have dropped a lot of spots there. It doesn't matter early in the tournament, but those sorts of things you can't really do. Give me a bit of extra motivation hopefully tomorrow to try and have a low one.

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