

The 153rd Open

Mixed Zone

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Tyrrell Hatton



Q. Pretty productive day for you, especially on the par-5s. How would you sum it up?

TYRRELL HATTON: Yeah, it was a good day. I'm happy with how I played out there. It was pretty tricky at times, and certainly the last three, four holes the wind really picked up.

Hit a load of good iron shots. You could say it was a frustrating day on the greens for me. It was nice to -- I felt like I hit a lot of good putts. One of the things that's been holding me back this year probably is my pace on the greens hasn't been what I'd like it to be. It's kind of barely getting to the hole and leaving a lot of putts short. I wanted to go out there today and feel like I was being a bit more aggressive, which sometimes hard because you don't want to be careless and smash it six foot past every time, but I definitely felt that was one of the things I tried to make more of an effort on and really be positive in the putts that I was hitting.

Q. Are there any little putting thoughts that help you to get to that level that you mentioned?

TYRRELL HATTON: Just hit it harder. Pretty much, yeah. It's really simple. It's probably just trying to be a little bit more positive rather than a little tentative.

Q. I know it was a month ago, but how much do you carry over what you did at Oakmont, the way you played, being in contention, best finish in a major? Does that carry over in here at all in any way?

TYRRELL HATTON: Yes and no. This week is a very different test from Oakmont. But it's still, you're playing a major. I'd love to -- I really enjoyed having a chance to win in Oakmont. I know it didn't go my way in the end, but I left that week proud of how I dealt with everything, happy with how I managed myself in the most pressure moments. Yeah, taking confidence from that, and hoping that this week -- even if it's not that week, I'd like to down the line give myself a chance to win another major.

I've played in enough now. This is my 42nd, and 13th Open. I've played a lot, so it would be nice to give myself some more chances.

Q. What did you think of the pace of play out there? I know Marc Leishman came in and said he felt like he was on the course for 12 hours.

TYRRELL HATTON: Yeah, I think just with the conditions, I know it wasn't super windy. It picked up as the round went on a bit. But it's hard, there's a few bottleneck areas where you're reaching par-5s in two, and that generally slows things down. I don't really know what you can do with the field size. It's, what, 154 is it?

Q. 156.

TYRRELL HATTON: Yeah, I don't even know if the guys that are last out will get finished today, which is a shame. But yeah, it was very slow, and it kind of felt like you couldn't eat enough, to be honest.

Q. So you got some snacks out there, did you?

TYRRELL HATTON: Yeah.

Q. What were you eating?

TYRRELL HATTON: I had some sandwiches, sort of a carbohydrate drink, protein boosts, stuff like that.

Q. Is it tough to stay in a rhythm when you're waiting that long between shots?

TYRRELL HATTON: I would say the tee shot on 7, that felt quite hard because we waited a very long time there. But for the rest of the round, it didn't feel too bad in terms of getting out of sync. It was only really on the 7th tee that I noticeably felt a bit stiffer for waiting so long.

Q. How have you remained feeling good about yourself when it's in between shots and there's time to process results, things that come through, scoreboards? How do you deal with that?

TYRRELL HATTON: I don't know. I think you just chat with your caddie and your playing partners. Everyone is in the same boat of kind of waiting. It's almost just taking your mind off -- well, you're just having a chat. Sometimes you forget your surroundings in a way. I don't think that's a bad thing.



Q. Do you come here with good vibes given 2019?

TYRRELL HATTON: Yeah, I like the fact it's pretty much all in front of you. There's not too many blind tee shots. Sometimes in links there's a lot of blind shots. For the most part here, you don't really have that. I like the golf course. It's nice to see it in a more sober state than when I was last here in 2023.

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