

# The 153rd Open

Mixed Zone

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**Francesco Molinari**



**Q. Tell me about the first two days. What went well for you?**

FRANCESCO MOLINARI: Yeah, I had a good time on the golf course, played well. Just need to make a few more putts, but everything else is in good shape. Course is playing fantastic. I think it's very fair. It's a challenge, but it's in front of you, so let's see what the weather does this afternoon. Hopefully it stays windy enough.

**Q. Any feelings from 2019 that come back to you now, coming in as a defending champion and feeling like you can still play really well here?**

FRANCESCO MOLINARI: Yeah, to be honest, I'm enjoying the week here more than 2019 just because it's a lot, I think, to come back as a defending champion. I'm enjoying definitely the course a lot more this time than six years ago. Apart from that, I'm probably playing better than I did that week. Like I said, I just need to make a few more putts.

**Q. Vice captain, Ryder Cup. Have you started working on it? Have you started thinking about it?**

FRANCESCO MOLINARI: No, not much. Just a few chats. But there's still a lot of golf to be played.

I think some of the team is going to be very similar. There's obviously still a few spots to play for, and we'll see. It's been obviously good to get the call from Luke, but yeah, so far there's not been too much work.

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