

The 153rd Open

Mixed Zone

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Ryan Peake



Q. You're looking pretty dry.

RYAN PEAKE: Yeah, dry and miserable.

Q. Can you just talk a little bit about your experience out here.

RYAN PEAKE: Yeah. Obviously it's been a great buildup. I feel we've done the right prep. The venue's been fantastic. The crowds have been great. The hospitality, treatment side, everyone goes above and beyond to do everything for you. On that aspect, everything's been great. Just the golf was disappointing.

I played better golf today. I actually played some -- I thought I played some pretty good golf today. I didn't get rewarded. A lot of putts I could have dropped to get a bit of momentum. Going early, I come out this morning thinking it was a big chance to shoot a half decent score and make the cut. I just couldn't get that momentum.

Hit a couple good shots. There was nothing wrong with the shots, just the number was completely out. I kind of got really punished for that. All in all, like I said yesterday, I'll reflect on the experience later down the track. It was disappointing not playing the weekend.

Q. This style of course out here, Northern Ireland, this links style, is this something you're familiar with? Was there a lot out here you weren't expecting? What about the course play here?

RYAN PEAKE: No, pretty much more or less what I was expecting. Obviously I don't play a whole heap of it, but I play enough. You've just got to adapt. That's all there is to it.

Yeah, just yesterday put me out, and I was just always behind the pack from there. Just can't do that.

Q. What was the experience like playing with Phil for two days?

RYAN PEAKE: Obviously great. I was obviously trying to play my game as well, but he was friendly, he was chatting. It's not like I've played this week and think that's the best player I'm

ever going to play with or in the biggest event I'm ever going to play with. I'm not exactly here this week to try and embrace it all as the coolest moment of my life because I believe I belong here. I'm going to keep trying to do it again, and I believe I've got the game to do it.

Just this week I didn't have it, and it's just a little bit disappointing.

Q. Is there any additional sort of pressure? Phil tends to draw a crowd, there's more people. Was there any element like that with the bystanders?

RYAN PEAKE: No, not at all. I don't get too caught up with the crowd and things like that. No, I don't get too caught up with it.

Q. Is there anything you'd care to share about sort of this moment, playing in a major? Maybe there was a point in life where this didn't seem like it was in the cards, and here you are.

RYAN PEAKE: Yeah, it was never on the cards. I don't want to come across too miserable and then sitting here like beating myself up and things like that, but I'm -- for the next little while, I'm allowed to be disappointed with the performance that I've done. It's just something else to grow from, I guess.

It sucks that it's gone this way, but obviously honoured to have the privilege to do it. Maybe next time will be better.

Q. What's next for you? Do you have anything on the schedule, or you're waiting to see what tournaments are coming along?

RYAN PEAKE: I've got a busy schedule. I'm about to head home back to Perth. I've got about three or four weeks off, and then I'll go over my calendar. I've got about 13 events on the back end of Asia that we have to finish this season. So kind of discuss what events I'm going to play and then build into Europe for the end of the year.

I've got lots to look forward to. Yeah, but I've got a little bit of work to do after this week as well.

Q. After a tournament like this, what do you take away?



What do you work on? Is it mental things? Is it things in the game? What is the process when you come off of this, what you're learning from it?

RYAN PEAKE: Richie Smith, my coach, he's come out and watched me play. He's taken some notes. One thing I improved on today is I was just taking too much time over the ball yesterday. It was like I was froze up over the ball. Pre-shot routine timing was out. I was just standing over the ball for far too long. So I tried to speed that up today, and voila, you've executed a good golf shot because you've pictured it and you've pulled the trigger. There was a few little things like that which I just got caught out from.

We're just trying to build more consistency into my game. That comes from our physio, Marty, and Richie and the gym programme and stuff like that, trying to structure my body a bit better. There's a bit of work to do. There's always work to do. We'll go back in, I guess we'll analyse that, and we'll start doing the things that I need to do. It's good. He's honest, and he knows what to do. So I just listen to him, and whatever he says, it's right for me.

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