

# The 153rd Open

TV Quick Quotes

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**Rory McIlroy**



**Q. Rory, you gave your country hope and I don't think they could have asked for much more after the year you've had. What are the emotions leaving Royal Portrush this time?**

RORY McILROY: Yeah, I think a lot more positive than they were six years ago. I mean, look, I'm really pleased with my week. I wish I had have been closer to Scottie going into today and been able to make a real push. But he's been on a different level all week and he's been on a different level for the last two years to the rest of us.

He is the bar that we're all trying to get to at this point, so hats off to him. He's an unbelievable player, an incredible champion and a great person too.

None of us could live with what he had this week, but for me to be in front of everyone here at home and to get that reception up the last, absolutely incredible. I'll remember that for a long time.

**Q. I was going to ask you about 18. You took a moment on the green to turn around and thank the crowd. Was that a moment of gratitude to be able to play in front of your home country?**

RORY McILROY: All of the above. I think there's a lot of gratitude, and yeah, a lot of pride. A lot of pride that I am from these shores, and in part with the way I've played and advocated for this little country, The Open has returned here, and it's been an amazing venue. Hopefully the R&A keep coming back.

**Q. "Oppenheimer," is it a must watch?**

RORY McILROY: Absolutely. Learned a lot of things over the last couple nights.

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