



Shane Lowry

Quick Quotes

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Q. Obviously you've put yourself in position with a really good round of 68. How do you feel after two rounds?

SHANE LOWRY: Yeah, I sort of had a target to shoot something in the 60s today and then I'd be in a nice position going into the weekend. The course must have got a lot of rain last night because the course was quite soft and it was gettable, even though it was windy and tricky.

But like you see in the scoring, there is quite a few good scores. I'm sure there's bad scores, as well. But yeah, I felt like the course was gettable. I felt like I played a pretty solid round of golf. Didn't do anything spectacular. A couple of times I got myself out of position. I think I did a great job getting me back in, and I'm right where I want to be going into the weekend.

Q. You've played your way into some form, as well. The golf on day one wasn't as good as the golf on day two --

SHANE LOWRY: Yeah, I opened up today beautifully. The only shot I really missed on the first few holes was the tee shot on 4, and then I hit a poor tee shot on 8 and got fortunate and took advantage of that and made birdie.

From there on, I played Amen Corner beautifully. I felt like I did everything right. Yeah, I'm pretty happy with my day's work.

Q. The way you approach the Masters now, you do feel like a player who's got a serious intent over this weekend, and you do, don't you?

SHANE LOWRY: I do. Look, I don't come here just to enjoy myself. I come here to compete. Look, we had a lovely group. Bryson played great. Hideki played well. I played well. We kind of fed off each other. It was nice being out there. The crowds were big. I could see Rory was doing something today, which was good for him.

Like I said, right where we want to be going into the weekend.

Q. You've won The Open, been runner-up in the U.S. Open, you were involved in two majors last year with a great chance to win. You're going to have to like the heat; you have no choice.

SHANE LOWRY: Yeah, this is what we practice for. This is what you get up out of bed in the morning, for late tee times on Saturdays and Sundays of majors. I got myself a late tee time tomorrow afternoon and hopefully I can go out and do something pretty good and get myself a late tee time Sunday and take it from there.

Q. Never getting too high, never getting too low is a big part of being patient out there and just accepting what is happening on what is a tricky golf course.

SHANE LOWRY: Yeah, I was pretty good today. I was pretty good the first two days, to be honest. I didn't feel a whole lot comfortable yesterday. There's just so much hype and expectation and everything going into this tournament, I felt

like I was a little bit edgy for most of the day.

But I felt comfortable today. I felt great out there, and I'm happy with my day.

Q. As you were walking up the hill to the ninth green, I saw you looking over at the scoreboard and your name was actually going up --

SHANE LOWRY: I saw that, yeah.

Q. That was a nice feeling?

SHANE LOWRY: It is, yeah. You know when you're on that big white leaderboard you're doing something all right. That's the thing here, I said it yesterday, there's only 10 names on the leaderboard. You feel like everyone is going well, and you just have to stay in your own lane out there and commit to what you're doing.

But yeah, it is nice to see your name up there and try and keep pushing on from there.

Q. Another revolution of the ball on the 18th and you'd have got to 6-under and perhaps maybe have been playing with Rory.

SHANE LOWRY: I thought that. I was thinking about that over the putt. It was a tricky putt downhill and there's like a couple of drops of rain for some reason. I thought I hit a great putt. Yeah, whatever.

Q. That was a great number, considering what happened --

SHANE LOWRY: Yeah, I'm happy for him. I ate breakfast with him this morning. We talked about what he did yesterday and he was quite frustrated. I'm sure last night was tough for him.

But for both of us, there's a lot of golf to be played this weekend yet, and he knew that, and what a run he made on the back nine. That's what this golf course can throw up if you play well.

Q. Did you sense he was in a good place this morning?

SHANE LOWRY: Yeah, he's been in a great place all year, for a while now. Yeah.

Q. He was pretty much just frustrated with two shots yesterday.

SHANE LOWRY: Yeah, I mean, look, he had a six-footer to go 5-under on 14, and an hour later he's on level par, signing for level par. I can imagine that's pretty frustrating. It's such a quick turnaround that it can help you in a way that you need to just get on with it and get out there today and get after it.

But yeah, we both played our way into the tournament nicely.

Q. Anything you want to tighten up between now and the weekend?

SHANE LOWRY: I'm pretty happy. I'm tired after that. It's been a long -- from 1:23 yesterday to now, it's been a long 24 hours, 26 hours. A lot of rest over the next day and get out tomorrow afternoon and get after it. I'm in a great place. I'm very happy.

Q. (On Bryson practicing).

SHANE LOWRY: He's Bryson. I don't really pay attention to what many other golfers do anymore. I'm my own self. But yeah, I personally couldn't do it. So fair play to him.

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