

Genesis Scottish Open

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The Renaissance Club

Robert MacIntyre

Quick Quotes

Q. Describe that battle for us today.

ROBERT MacINTYRE: Yeah, it wasn't pretty. This is one of my worst probably driving days of the year. Don't know what was the case. I didn't have it under control and then I've always got little tweaks that I do throughout the round when I've got a certain miss and I was doing the tweaks. Every now and again I would hit an absolute cracker down the middle so I roughly know what it was but I couldn't trust it because I have a certain move in my swing that I'm happy with and it's me, it's my DNA but just every now and again, it crops up with disaster. And the tee shot on 13 was it right there. It was like, do not hit it left. Try to put a certain move, certain strike off the face in a certain wind direction, and it was nowhere else and then obviously didn't find it. I battled as hard as I could.

Q. That hole in particular, is there something about it?

ROBERT MacINTYRE: As a left-hander, a dog-leg, even a green sitting right-to-left, short right, long left, fairway sloping that way, so when you're picking a target up the right-hand side to aim at, if you go any further right, you're in the rubbish. So you're trying to aim right, not fade it for me but if I over-fade it I'm in trouble.

So it's a difficult one. It's something I've struggled with for a while now, every time I play a Jack Nicklaus design, it's always kind of the same because he was a fader of the golf ball.

To be honest to get out of there with what I had done it was a massive achievement because it wasn't looking good after 13.

Q. The birdie at 14, and 17, sensational tee shot when people couldn't get near the pin. How important was that in your head, knowing where the cut was?

ROBERT MacINTYRE: We were thinking one, maybe two, and I felt like I was in the wrong spots today. If I was in the wrong position, I would try to get back in position, like the par 5 16, it ends up pin-high but it's the last place you can



be. Leaves me an upward chip. Chip it to 15, 18 feet which is a decent shot. Miss it, and it's just, I thought that was really my good chance going into maybe 18 if I hit a good tee shot.

But I picked a shot that was needed at the time. It wasn't a percentage play. It was one that was going to get me the closest. If I misstruck it, it was probably going to get me in a lot of trouble. Executed it perfectly and when I seen it, the reaction of the crowd behind, the guy put his hands behind his hit, I thought, well, it's just missed the hole but hopefully it's got as close as it deserves.

Q. I know you say that's one of your poorest rounds here but it ended on a positive with those two birdies. Do you now take that away and look to the weekend?

ROBERT MacINTYRE: I've got a different mindset. I'm here competing in the top end of the tournament, but well, the new, somewhat, experience of being defending champion in Scotland.

Q. No pressure.

ROBERT MacINTYRE: Yeah, no pressure. It's been different. Something I'm learning from, and a great experience to be honest. I want more of it, and yeah, who knows, over the weekend, I think tomorrow is to be very calm. So I thought I played myself out of the golf tournament but we'll give it our best shot.

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