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Padraig Harrington

Quick Quotes

Q. Padraig, thanks very much for joining us. Round of 5-under par 65, when you weren't at your brilliant best. Give us your vote on that one.

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: I rode my luck a lot today. Got my head in the game. Did a lot of good stuff mentally. Short game was sharp. Made my birdies on those holes that you -- two putt on 1, two putt on 9, two putt on 11, crazy kind of three putt on 15.

But I did a good job, where I should make a score score, and then I got in trouble on plenty of other holes. Hit some recovery shots and managed my game, but I never showed much confidence out there at all in my swing at all.

Q. Disappointing three-putt par at 14, the par-5; then you birdie the next hole. Is that evidence of the fight you were talking about when we chatted on course?

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: Three crazy things -- well, crazy, but, I mean, as I was teeing off on 7 I was nearly hit by acorn coming out of the tree. On that par-5 a bug landed right down by my shoe as I took my backstroke and completely like distracted.

Then on 17 it was actually a leaf. I didn't know what it was. Came in in front of my ball and nearly topped it. I had a weird day in many for those ways. They didn't cost me. Three-putt there was a bit disappointing.

Look, I made up with it. Holed a good putt on that 15th straightaway afterwards. It was a good fight back.

Yeah, look, I got some good breaks. I hit it on the green on 16. That's not to be expected.

Same on 17. Hit a good shot from the trees.

Look, I wouldn't want to play like that -- well, I would like to score like that the next two days, but I wouldn't think I'm going to get away with it. Hopefully will improve a little bit over the next three days.



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Q. Three times you've played in this championship, second, second, fifth. Now have an opportunity to win it again this weekend. Thoughts on that opportunity?

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: Yeah, okay. I obviously like these 72-hole ones and the bigger golf courses suit me. I'm glad to see there is a little bit of moisture on this course. It is starting to firm up a bit. As it's gets a little shorter that advantage will be taken away from me. I seem to be scoring okay, so maybe I'll do it a different way this time.

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