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Legion XIII

Tyrrell Hatton

Press Conference



THE MODERATOR: Let's welcome Tyrrell Hatton from Legion XIII. Tyrrell, well-played today, 4-under par round of 67. Can you talk us through your round here at Valderrama today?

TYRRELL HATTON: Yeah, I was obviously very happy with that start. I feel like the conditions were obviously pretty tricky out there, and the wind certainly picked up as the round went on.

I felt like I hit a lot of decent iron shots. It was nice to see some putts go in, especially early in the round. I felt like that gave me some momentum, and just tried my best to keep that going. I ended up making a good up-and-down on 15 I think it was.

Yeah, as I said, just happy with that start.

Q. Five birdies, one bogey; that's really tidy golf out there today where it's gusty in the conditions. Sergio just said it's one of the harder rounds he's played. Can you just talk to the conditions out there and what you're expecting for the rest of the week?

TYRRELL HATTON: Yeah, it was breezy. The wind kind of kept moving around just a little bit. For example, like if you play -- on 3 today, the par-3, we're thinking the wind was more straight off the left, and I hit a shot that it hurt it more, so it was slightly in off the left, and it meant I come up just short.

Lucas, who I was playing with, he then hits a shot thinking it's in off the left and it kind of goes more across, and he goes over the green, and Josele does the opposite to that, and the wind kind of dies on him a bit, and he comes up short.

It was a tricky day to get the clubs right, and you just hope you're on the green more often than not.

Q. Your first putt as a dad was a 33-footer that you rolled in. Can you just talk about ever since becoming

a father what it's been like? How much golf you've been able to play, your prep work coming into this week?

TYRRELL HATTON: Yeah, absolutely different preparation. Yeah, once we got her home, it was a lot harder than I expected it to be. I tried to practice every day, and by practice, I mean, I literally hit between 35 and 75 balls. I've got a swing studio at the house, so that makes it a little bit easier.

For the rest of the time, I was trying to be in the house helping Emily. She ended up having a C-section, so her movement was somewhat limited. Just tried my best to be there and support her and obviously look after our daughter.

Q. You come to a course that obviously is very difficult, played difficult today. What kind of expectation level did you have coming in, given what's been happening? Obviously not -- certainly if things had not gone well today, certainly understandable given what you just talked about.

TYRRELL HATTON: Yeah, I mean, my dad came over to the house, I think, three or four times last week, so I was able to do a little bit of work with him, albeit we didn't hit a huge amount of balls.

Had a clear goal of what we were trying to achieve with the golf swing, and that was difficult because my swing has obviously not been in a great place, so trying to get it back to where we would like it to be.

So yeah, those feelings felt pretty awful. It felt like I was getting closer at the back end of last week, and then I fly here, and like hitting balls outside again, even that just adds a new feeling, and it felt pretty awful on Tuesday and yesterday.

I was somewhat nervous of how bad it could be today. But yeah, just tried to have a single thought and not overcomplicate it out there. My warmup was better, and

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that gave me a little bit of confidence to just trust it out on the golf course, and I felt like I hit a lot of good shots in the end.

Q. Do you feel like you'll be a bit more mellow as a dad on the golf course now?

TYRRELL HATTON: No, I don't think so. Once we come up short on 3, I was already moaning about that. And then I three-putted, so it just gave me something else to moan about. I am very good at moaning, and I will continue that, I think.

Q. How does Valderrama compare? Obviously it's a technical test, a ball striker's golf course, but to the other courses you play on the LIV schedule, how does it compare as a mental test, staying patient and accepting that there are bad breaks with the wind and you can get the wrong side of slopes on the greens?

TYRRELL HATTON: I don't really know how to answer that question, to be honest. It is one of the trickier golf courses that we play throughout the season. Yeah, you know you're going to be playing generally in a good bit of wind, so you have to try and control the ball as best you can, and the greens are very small, so it's not exactly like you've got big targets to aim at.

You have to be very accurate, and this golf course demands a lot. It's kind of stood the test of time, to be honest, and it's an iconic venue. Although I can lose even more hair around here than I would like, it's always good to be back here.

Q. Your game over a sort of long sample size has been in a really good place. When you've been there and have been contending at majors, how difficult is it when you feel like you're ascending to nearer your peak level and then you dip off and you get to the phase you are now where you say you're struggling with things in the swing? What is that challenge like where you think, I'm really going somewhere here, and then you sort of take that step back?

TYRRELL HATTON: I think that's just golf in general, to be honest. That's why it's such a hard game. You can have a few weeks where you feel like you're swinging it great, it feels great, but then even in those weeks where you feel like you're swinging great, you might not win the tournaments.

Obviously everyone out here is trying to win every week, and yeah, golf is a pretty punishing game in a sense that if you don't win, it's easy to see that as not failure, but you have disappointment from that.

From my side, I know that I've not won a tournament now for 18 months, and I would love for that to change this week, but there's still a lot of golf left to play. Yeah, hopefully I can keep swinging well and holing putts, and that's what I try to do.

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