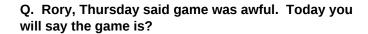
## **BMW Championship**

Sunday, August 17, 2025 Owings Mills, Maryland, USA Caves Valley Golf Club

## **Rory McIlroy**

**Quick Quotes** 



RORY McILROY: The game was awful for the first six holes and then actually felt like I found something, especially on the back nine there. So definitely something to build off going into next week.

Yeah, it was -- this week was my three weeks off. I really didn't do anything in those three weeks. I was probably expecting too much to get in contention, but there was glimmers of really good stuff in there this week.

As I said, I felt like I found a bit of a groove over the last nine holes, so certainly something to build off going into the TOUR Championship next week.

Q. You mention earlier in the week off the tee was easier moving left to right than left to right. Is it easier to move it back right to left?

RORY McILROY: No, not really. It was very neutral. It's funny. Like I feel like the last few days off the tee I got into a bad groove at times, and then I would hit one good one and get a feel and then I would get into a groove of hitting some good ones.

That's what I did from the 8th hole onwards today. So it's just trying to remember those feelings of the good ones and try to get rid of the feelings for the bad ones.

Yeah, it was a bit of a struggle this week. For the amount of big numbers and bad spots I put myself in, it ended up not being a bad finish, you know, in spite of that. Certainly some work to do before next Thursday.

## Q. Does it help heading back to a place you've had so much success at?

RORY McILROY: I think so, yeah. It's obviously a little different than the three times I won there. Last year I felt like the golf course did play quite a bit differently, so a little bit of work on the course over the next few days and



hopefully feel a little more comfortable with everything on Thursday afternoon.

Q. You feel like the course hopefully -- obviously see this over the next couple days -- may be settled in a little bit after the changes?

RORY McILROY: I think so. Greens should be a touch softer. Looks like a little bit of a rain in the forecast next week, so that will soften them up a little bit.

Yeah, I think some of the I think a year of having to bed in and I think they've made a couple tweaks here and there, too, so yeah, looking forward to seeing it again.

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