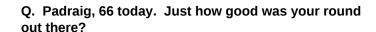
#### **AT&T Byron Nelson**

Thursday, May 13, 2021 *McKinney, Texas, USA* TPC Craig Ranch

#### **Padraig Harrington**

**Quick Quotes** 



PADRAIG HARRINGTON: You know, I hit 18 greens in regulation. You know, I probably haven't done that a handful time in my whole year, so that was nice. The course is generous. With the moisture, the rain that we've had it softened it up a bit.

So I think the greens are actually in too good condition. It's absolutely perfect. Fairways are perfect. Greens are perfect. Bit of placing, you know, kind of leaves you shooting 6-under par like me and feeling like I should have done a little bit better.

## Q. What part of your game was good out there on those perfect fairways?

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: You know, I drove it pretty straight. I changed my routine a bit this week, so that was nice. I was better. I was definitely better. So something like that, you know, I did some practice at home. I really struggled my whole career with that transfer from the range to the golf course. Really find it hard.

It's a different rhythm on the range than on the golf course, so I kind of went -- instead of trying to go back to what is perfect for me on the course I went with what I do on the range. I went more with my practice routine rather than what I would consider would be my ideal routine on the course.

### Q. What attracted you to play this particular week at this place?

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: I always like to play the week before a major. You know, I had intended to come over a couple weeks earlier too, so I was meant to be over at Valspar and I ended up not coming.

So it was meant to be a run of events here. I've always enjoyed the Byron Nelson at the other course, but I really enjoyed actually Trinity Forest last year. It's been a good



event for me, one I would like to come to. You know, the week before a major it's ideal for me to come and play.

# Q. So as Ryder Cup captain and all the other stuff that goes into that, first off, how pleased were you as captain to see what Rory did last week?

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: Look, I was pleased. I won't say I wasn't. Certainly was not unexpected by me. Rory's always been an ebb and flow player. When he starts playing well he plays even better. For me I know it's selfish and I am only being a bit facetious, but I wasn't unhappy with his form because I was thinking he's hanging onto his form for later in the year.

You know, clearly Rory can play well all year. The way I look at it is that win last week brings back a bit of that swagger that we all need in the golf course. Rory is a very dangerous player with that. Hopefully he'll be a very dangerous player for at least -- for five more months.

#### Q. Hopefully you can be a dangerous player the rest of this week.

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: Thank you.

#### Q. Good luck the rest of the way.

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