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Oakmont Country Club

Rory McIlroy

Quick Quotes



Q. Rory, that's three majors down. There's one more big one to go, of course. How much are you looking forward to getting home to Northern Ireland?

RORY McILROY: I'm looking forward to just getting back to Europe in general. Obviously I've got one more week over here. Play Hartford next week.

Yeah, we've got a lot to look forward to, got our new house in London, play the Scottish and then obviously The Open at Portrush.

Just trying to get myself in the right frame of mind to approach that. I feel like playing an Open at Portrush already and sort of at least remembering what those feelings were like and those feelings that I was probably unprepared for at the time. Yeah, and obviously it will be my first time sort of in public back home after winning the Masters. It should be a really nice week.

Q. You go home as a grand slam champion, people in Northern Ireland are dying to celebrate with you. How much will this feel like a very special homecoming to Portrush?

RORY McILROY: Yeah, hopefully I can celebrate with them on Sunday night with the Claret Jug and the Green Jacket.

Look, it will be amazing to go home and play in that atmosphere and see a lot of people that I still haven't seen yet. I am, I'm really looking forward to it. It was nice to end this week with a bit of a positive note with the way I played today, and yeah, I'll just be looking forward to and trying to get myself prepared for Portrush.

Q. After some nice play today, are you hoping a very special tournament like this can reignite your best form to impress at home?

RORY McILROY: I think, look, if I can't get motivated to get up for an Open Championship at home, then I don't know what can motivate me. Yeah, as I said, I just need to get myself in the right frame of mind. I probably haven't

been there the last few weeks.

But as I said, getting home and having a couple weeks off before that, hopefully feeling refreshed and rejuvenated, will get me in the right place again.

Q. Rory, with all the work you've done to get the driver right because you have a different driver than you had in your bag the first few months of the year, it looked today, looked good during the week to some degree, but it was all fairways and greens and a good round of golf today. What was that feeling like?

RORY McILROY: I feel like I've driven the ball well all week. After the way I drove it today, I'd say I finished in the top five in strokes gained off the tee. Really encouraged with the driver and how I drove it as well. It's not necessarily the driver, it's more me and sort of where my swing was. I feel like I got a really good feeling in my swing with the driver, which was great. Hopefully I can continue that on into next week.

Yeah, it's close, as I said. Physically I feel like my game's there. It's just mentally getting myself in the right frame of mind to get the best out of myself.

Q. You know how the game ebbs and flows through your career. Remember 2013 was a year when you had to get something back when you went to new equipment. Now you've got a scenario whereby you've got Portrush coming up, which is a wonderful target back home. Is that the sort of thing that might just fire the jets?

RORY McILROY: I think so. Look, I climbed my Everest in April, and I think after you do something like that, you've got to make your way back down, and you've got to look for another mountain to climb. An Open at Portrush is certainly one of those.

Q. Was poppy up this morning?

RORY McILROY: I haven't seen her yet. She's a good sleeper. I was out the door before she was up.

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Q. Does that help put into perspective what's going on?

RORY McILROY: It's always nice to get home. I feel like I live two different lives. I'm a dad and a husband when I'm away from here, and then I'm who I am when I'm here. It's always nice to get away and feel a bit of normality.

Q. The feelings you have going into Portrush, is that similar to the feelings that you had before, getting used to those feelings?

RORY McILROY: I didn't realize how emotional I was going to be at Portrush. I think that was a thing I was unprepared for more than anything else. I remember I hit a shot into 12 or 13 Friday night obviously trying to make the cut. I remember the roar I got when the ball hit the green, and I felt like I was about to burst into tears. Just that support and that love from your own people. So I was unprepared for that.

I need to just get myself in the right frame of mind to feel those feelings again.

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