

**MARK O'MEARA (-10)**

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**Q. How would you compare the conditions today once the wind kicked up to --**

**MARK O'MEARA:** I mean, listen, the golf course is a lot more challenging today. There's still a few good scores out there. We got five par 5s, so those are kind of gettable, but the finishing holes were playing pretty tough. Certainly the last hole's a tough hole, you know, making bogey there. But I hit a good drive and I just hit a little more club than I probably should have on my second shot. Hit a little too low so it skidded along and then you're kind of in no-man's land past the pin on 18. A bogey's a bogey, but I got my work cut out for me.

Yeah, it's nice to be at 10 under par whether that's leading or not leading. I'm going to have to go out there tomorrow and shoot a really good score to be able to hopefully win.

**Q. What club did you hit on your approach shot at 18?**

**MARK O'MEARA:** I had like 202. I hit 3-iron because it was into the wind. I probably should have hit 4, but, you know, hindsight's always -- sometimes it's better on this golf course to leave the ball below the hole as opposed to going long. The golf course still is in good shape. The greens are a little slow, a little sticky. I'm proud of myself the way I hung in there. Hit a couple good short-game shots. I still played all right today. I'm going to have to play even better tomorrow to win.

**Q. Sure. On that chip on 18, are you concerned about --**

**MARK O'MEARA:** Well, I hit a little too strong. A foot too hard and it's going to roll all the way off the green, so you're kind of guarding against that. I didn't hit it obviously as firm as I needed to, I needed to be a little bit more aggressive than I was. At that point then, you're just trying to make bogey.

**Q. Did you come into this week thinking that you had a chance to win?**

**MARK O'MEARA:** No. I came into this week knowing that I had a couple of good days up on the snow riding my snowmobile the last couple days in Park City. I didn't hit any balls all last week. But I feel like coming here, even on Tuesday when I got here and I practiced and played, I felt like I was swinging fairly decent, hitting the ball okay. So I kind of like what I've been working on and I think if I make good swings, I can still hit good shots.

So tomorrow I'm just going to have to go out there, eliminate mistakes and hopefully make a lot of birdies.

**Q. Does it change your mentality at all if you're in the lead heading into the last round or a shot or two behind?**

**MARK O'MEARA:** No. I mean, you know, I mean, really at the end of the week you just want to be leading come the last hole on Sunday afternoon and hopefully finish it off.

Look, there's pressure on all of us. Certainly there will be pressure on me tomorrow, but if I hit the ball, drive it good, there's no reason why I can't give myself a chance to hopefully pull it off.

**Q. Sure. How would you compare this round to your first round? You obviously had that tremendous hot streak.**

**MARK O'MEARA:** Yeah, the first round yesterday, when you birdie 2 through 9 it seemed like it was really easy. Things were falling into place. Today it was a little bit more challenging, a little tougher. I kind of battled a little bit, I didn't quite hit as good of shots as I hit yesterday, but I still played decent golf and that's why I shot 3 under.

**Q. You always talk to us about being loose, but is there still this burning desire to --**

**MARK O'MEARA:** Yeah. Listen, if you're not nervous, you shouldn't be playing this game. I'm grinding out there just as hard as everybody else, so that never leaves. You play to win, you play for your pride. You know, I only won twice out here, which is disappointing, but hopefully tomorrow if I -- I think really, I mean, I just have to drive the ball well and hole some putts. Can't control everybody else.