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PADRAIG HARRINGTON (67, -4)

MODERATOR: 67 today, what was the key to your round?

HARRINGTON: I kept my head down out there in the wind to be honest with this, it was fairly tough, there were a lot of tough, real tough shots and I, you know, at times I felt like it was playing well but at other times you just had to work it down and do the best you could, work out some way and make a par on the hole.

QUESTION: Did you change your preparation all knowing that this wind was coming?

HARRINGTON: No, no, I'm well used to windy weather so I don't, I don't get ready for it in the sense I just know what to expect, I think when you're out there you've got to, you need a little momentum on a bad day like today, you know, so it was nice, you know, I started with a couple of birdies, okay, I made a double bogey off a lovely tee shot in the par three and hit it in the water, you know, perfect shot, you know, that's going to happen but I made a couple of birdies to get back on the par and I think being a couple under par today made it a lot easier, you know, when you're, standing over 4 foot or 5 foot across wind, when you're 2-under par, you know, there's light at the end of the tunnel whereas you're 1 over something you're struggling, those puts get really difficult.

QUESTION: Padre 4-under-par doesn't often lead after the first round of the PGA TOUR Champions event, just talk about how difficult the course is playing, how do you see it going through the weekend?

HARRINGTON: Yeah, I'm not sure of the forecast for the rest of the week but yeah, it was tough out there, there was, you know, if you've got a windy hole that was straight into the wind, you know, it was hard to get the ball to go forward and then putting in the wind was obviously very difficult as well, so, you know, I think we expected a tough day so, you know, as I said, you keep your head in the game and you know, every par is hard. You're hard for us and you walk off the line. the green you're never disappointed when you've made a par out there in those conditions even on some of the easier holes. I think I did take advantage of the par -fives and that so you know I suppose you need to in these conditions and I'm expecting you know two more days like it where it just you know there's some difficult difficult difficult greens out there so you know if you can get yourself through some of those holes that have the awkward pin positions and then maybe score on the other ones that would be the plan for the week.

QUESTION: I'm totally unrelated. As before you guys here who are European Ryder Cup captains and the talk is that the team wanted Luke Donald back that hasn't happened in a long time a VP captain you think would be a good idea and for what you saw what kind of job you think Luke did?

HARRINGTON: Oh well I knew Luke would do a great job. He was my vice captain and he was great in the job and I was vice captain with him before so yeah I was a I wasn't surprised by anything Luke did and he'd be a great captain again in Bethpage. I'm surprised anybody wants us of course if he wants it I think I think the players certainly want them and I think everybody would support.

QUESTION: Is that because of Tiger you mean? Doesn't want it or what?

HARRINGTON: No it's Bethpage.

QUESTION: Oh okay okay okay okay okay. Yeah what makes the way it has gone back and forth now?

HARRINGTON: It's just difficult to win. It's just difficult being an away captain but I think Bethpage would be the toughest one ever so. I'm surprised they put it all in the line.

QUESTION: Yeah he hasn't said it but you can tell he's uh he's thinking about it.

HARRINGTON: It'd be a big sacrifice for him to do it.