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FINAL ROUND

PADRAIG HARRINGTON
(Final Round 7-under, 64– 16-under, 197 for the tournament)

MODERATOR: Alright, congratulations Padraig, how does it feel to get back in the winner's circle?

HARRINGTON: No, it's really good to get back in the winner's circle. Obviously this is what the champion's tour is about, giving us a second chance. You want to get yourself open to contention and then when you're there you want to handle the pressure and the nerves. This is why we do it, this is why I'm still doing it at 52 years of age for days like this.

QUESTION: This is the second time you've won since you knew you were going to the Hall of Fame. After hearing that and now winning a couple of times, I mean just to...

HARRINGTON: I do appreciate being announced as a Hall of Famer. Sometimes they announce me as being in the Hall of Fame, sometimes as an inductee for 2024. And I do appreciate it because I want to be with the other guys who are in the Hall of Fame who are here. So there's nine guys generally, maybe six to nine guys are in the Hall of Fame. And I see their names and I go well I'm in there too, I want to be included. So yes, it is a nice little boost every time they say it. It's a nice little pick me up and you're feeling a few inches taller.

QUESTION: You're talking about the start, I don't know if I should add, but that's kind of a perfect start.

HARRINGTON: Yeah, it doesn't get much better. Obviously, my bunker shot bounced down with a hole in the first for Eagle, but solid, easy birdie, no work. Then I hit it really close in the second, four feet, knocked it in. Not alone, it's nice to hit it close, but then hole in the fourth for her just feels like this is going good. I missed a chance on three, then I drove the front edge of four which was nice and hit a great point nearly holding it. Again, another nice simple birdie, then I hit a lob wedge pretty close on five. Holes of five, six further again, which just keeping me nicely in place. Seven, six to par five. Yeah, you know, I hit in the slight rough and got a flyer to the back right which I was playing, but it kind of fed back down which was a nice break.

It was an easy enough two -point shot. from off the grid. Seven, I hit it in the left side, ball's hitting up nice and this is the sort of thing happens when you win a tournament. You know my ball was sitting nicely in the left hand semi -rough and I was able to spin it off the top of the grass. I hit a nice shot but I made the most of the good break and I'm thinking 59 at this stage. I have a decent chance on eight and then a nine. Nine is a tough tee shot. You got outbounds down the right and I just pulled my tee shot. From then on it was important to hold a six footer for par and that was important for winning the tournament. I had a two shot lead which is fine and from there on I was very focused on batting the hatches down, staying steady, making sure I didn't make any mistakes. I was happy to make my par as I probably left a few put short in the next couple of holes but I was just making sure to make my par as making Bernard have to come at me. Then obviously the last three or four holes I had it won and it was a lot easier to relax than the birdie three or the last four.

QUESTION: You're a real analytics guy. You played in course, are we designed for this? In the first time? How much more time do you spend on things like that prior to the run?

HARRINGTON: Well look, I'm too old now for all that. When I was a kid I would have come out and played 54 holes of practice and hit every putt and every chip. This is a champions tour, I can't keep up that pace so I'm happy to be on a this golf course because nobody else had an advantage. So I played the two pro arms, that was it. That was enough for me. You can't do the work you do as a kid and that's what we're on the champions tour. I can't go out there and roll puts on every green and do all that. My brain would be fried by the end of the week so I just concentrate and look. I might know one or two things but if I'm fresh on Sunday that's good enough for me.

QUESTION: You won the Honda Classic like eight years ago. Just talk about how good Palm Beach County has been.

HARRINGTON: Yeah, back in 2005 I won at Mirasol and then I won at the PGA National in 2015. So yeah, this is a great county for me. I have friends down here, I like coming down here and playing some social golf. So yeah, it's been very good for me with Palm Beach County. Who doesn't like playing golf here?