

ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES
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PADRAIG HARRINGTON (-4)

Q. Was it a nice Irish day out there for you?

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: Yeah, I think they expected to come from St. Andrews, probably the slowest greens of the year to the fastest greens of the year. I didn't expect to have to put a jacket on because of the cold.

I worked my way around the golf course very nice. I played very well, to be honest. Hit a bad tee shot on 15 kind of out of nowhere. Yeah, 15. Outside of that, it was pretty good all day, gave myself lots of chances. Didn't have any -- I wasn't hitting three-, four-footers back for par, they were all stone dead tap-ins, so it was a reasonably stress-free day.

Q. Many guys have talked about the greens and said they were (inaudible).

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: I think they're as fast as you could possibly get them. Yeah, no, they're the fastest greens, I'd say as fast as I've ever puttied on anywhere at any stage at any time. Yeah, they were -- thankfully they slowed down a little bit later in the afternoon. Very early on there were a couple of putts, like I had a six-footer on my fourth hole and I was lagging, pure lagging it down there. It dropped in but like do not get this past the hole. If you were outside of the hole, especially chipping on this bermuda, it was very, very awkward.

The goal today was hit as many fairways and as many greens as you could. Obviously just eliminate the stress of those three-or four-footers with the pace of the greens. It's just difficult, a difficult golf course with this wind. I think as it warmed up it got a little easier, so I expect it to be quite tough the next few days.

Q. I was going to ask you about that. We all know the weather is coming. Does that make this place easier or harder?

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: There's heavier rough this year, heavier bermuda rough, and with the greens as fast as they are, if you do miss the fairways or the greens and you're in the rough, it's very difficult to get it close, very hard to chip it stone dead. With weather coming in, it's going to be brutal. We wouldn't mind a bit of rain to soften the greens up, maybe even soften the fairways up. At least I'd like that. I'm sure the other guys are happy with the running fairways.

Yeah, it's going to be a tough week. Like I'm not going to go and hit any shots, I'm just going to go and rest up and know that it's going to be a mental battle for the next 36 holes.

