

RBC Canadian Open

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Caledon, Ontario, Canada

TPC Toronto at Osprey Valley (North Course)

Rory McIlroy

Quick Quotes

Q. First round at the RBC Canadian Open. I know this is a tournament that you love, so that will certainly always give you a boost. Overall, how would you describe this day?

RORY McILROY: I actually felt like I played okay. There was a couple of shots in there, it was my first outing with a new driver, and I felt like that went pretty well. I hit some drives that I liked and that I liked to see, so that was encouraging.

Hit some good iron shots. Missed a couple of greens and didn't get them up-and-down, especially those last couple holes. Overall, I'm actually pretty happy with how I played. Obviously need to go a little bit lower tomorrow and over the weekend to have a chance.

Yeah, overall I'm still trying to work on some things, but yeah, I'm okay with where everything is.

Q. I know that you came in to play the back nine blind today. We had some rain overnight and this morning. How would you describe the conditions of the golf course?

RORY McILROY: They're soft. From when we got here earlier in the week, the ball was definitely running on the fairways. Obviously it's not anymore. And these greens are quite undulating, and depending on where they cut the holes, you really have to control your spin.

I actually felt like I did a pretty good job of that today. Hopefully that's the end of the rain, and it can firm up a little bit. Yeah, overall, look, it's a very gettable golf course, especially with how soft it is.

I'm going to have to, as I said, do a little bit better tomorrow to be here for the weekend and give myself a chance.

Q. To do better for tomorrow and the weekend, do you plan to practice a bit after the round today, work with the new driver and the short game?



RORY McILROY: Weather permitting, if it holds off, I'll go hit some balls. It's hard with the driver, like with the one I had been playing with previously, when I missed with it, I was a little bit left. Then my miss with this one is a little bit right. It's just trying to figure that out and manage it a little bit.

It's a nice feeling to get up the middle of the fairway and fully release it and know it's not going to go left on you. Yeah, a little bit of practice this afternoon and get ready for tomorrow.

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