

# RBC Canadian Open

Friday, June 7, 2019

## Rory McIlroy

### Quick Quotes



**Q. Rory, how did you feel about that day out there?**

RORY McILROY: The middle 16 holes were really good. Just the bogey on 1 the bogey on 18. Sort of started and finished disappointingly.

But a lot better. Hit it really well. You know, putted good. Made some nice ones. As I said, I made six birdies in 16 holes and the bogeys either side of that.

But, yeah, I mean, perfect conditions out there. I was saying to the guys I don't think I've played golf this year like in a better day or like better conditions. It was just perfect out there.

Scores were out there and wish I had -- I set myself a goal of maybe getting to 10-under par with a few holes left. Didn't quite get to that, but get off to a good start tomorrow and I'll be right in the tournament.

**Q. Lots of low scores out there. Why is this course giving up so many birdies?**

RORY McILROY: It's just so soft. It's so soft, and if you put it in the fairway with 3-woods or driver you've got so many wedges in there. Guys are that good that it's just you're going to make a lot of birdies. There are 60, 61, 62s. That's what it's going to sort of -- probably what I'll need over the weekend is a score like that and then another mid-60s to have a chance.

I wish this course had played a little faster and firmer because it would've been an awesome test. Scores would've been a lot higher than they are.

Even looking back at some of the Canadian Opens at this golf course, I mean, I think Scott Piercy won with single digits under par last time. If the weather continues to be like this, hopefully it'll dry up a little bit and can get a little firmer.

But with the way it is out there this week I can just see a lot more birdies over the weekend as well.

**Q. How are the crowds out there this week? There is a sign over that says, Go Rory. Seems like people are excited to have you here.**

MATT KUCHAR: Yeah, it's really nice. I guess when you haven't played somewhere before it really feels like the crowds appreciate me being here.

It's nice. It's a pleasure to play in front of them. Few

Raptors fans out there. They're all fired up for the game tonight. Yeah, it was a great atmosphere and looking forward to another couple days.