FINAL ROUND INTERVIEW: RICKIE FOWLER

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Q. Rickie, you shot a 64, you saw Justin break the course record with a 62. Why so many low scores today?

RICKIE FOWLER: Well, Justin's seen the course a few times but I felt like I got a little bit more comfortable out there the past couple days. The scoring conditions are still there with the soft greens, the greens are rolling really well. It actually played a little bit tougher today with the wind so I felt like I played pretty solid. 62 is a pretty good round of golf.

Q. The holidays coming up before you gear up back again. You'll be playing at Kapalua the first week of the year at the Hyundai Tournament of Champions. What are the holidays like for you, a lot of golf or do you just like to chill out?

RICKIE FOWLER: I've got a work week ahead. I've got a couple shoots and some things to take care of, a little bit of testing as well. Outside that, I'm looking forward to playing a pro-scratch event with my caddie so he had better step up his game and get ready for that. Go work with Butch a little bit, spend a week at home with the family for Christmas, and I'm actually heading to Maui early, spend New Year's and get ready over there.

Q. Rickie, great way to finish out the week, nice round. Comments?

RICKIE FOWLER: Yeah, it was nice. I had a good weekend, made a lot of good swings. Didn't really have to make many putts. I hit a lot close so that felt good. It would have been nice to have a few more putts go in, but solid weekend, nice to come back and get a good finish. We'll see where that ends up putting us, if we can hold off in second or wherever the guys do come in. Bubba's put on a show the last couple days. It's always fun seeing him play well and I think seeing guys play that well, it always brings out the best in us.

Q. A lot of nice perks at this event. Where would you say the world ranking points factor in all that? How much are you thinking about that as part of the overall package?

RICKIE FOWLER: It's definitely nice to have the ranking points. I mean, you can look at it either way as far as if you want it to be just be a relaxing week and not have them or to have a chance here, obviously you see the scores, you have to play well to get a good finish here so you still have to work your butt off a bit to earn those points and in a way of one's earned their spot here, everyone deserves to be here. It's a fun event, it's good competition. Like I said, you still have to play some good golf to see if you can finish top 10 out of 18 guys.

Q. Jordan said earlier in the week (inaudible.) Seems like that's kind of the case. When you look at this course, do you have the same feeling and why is that?

RICKIE FOWLER: I don't know. I mean, it was a good course for a lot of guys. A lot of guys had some good rounds out here this week. When Bubba's driving it, hitting the ball as well as he is, there's not many courses that aren't very good for him with him being able to work it both ways and when he's controlling his distances as well as he has this week, yeah, there's not many that don't see it. I know there's some courses that he may not like. I know that he wasn't a big fan after seeing the course here for the first time, but obviously I think he's okay with it now. Like I said, if he's playing well and hitting the ball well, he's going to make a lot of birdies, that's just the way he plays.

Q. Is it just as simple as length as far as he hits it or is it his creativity?

RICKIE FOWLER: Well, they're small greens here and every year he's first if not in the top 5, top 10 of tee to green strokes gained. I think that's big when you start getting small greens just because he may have shorter clubs in, but he's hitting as many or more greens than people and has more looks. Especially with the way the chipping is around here, it's very tough. So I think tee to green when he's playing well like that, he could make things a little easier on himself.