



FRANCESCO MOLINARI (-8)

Q. Francesco, you made it look easy by hitting 12 out of 14 fairways, all 18 greens, just the second time you've done that on the PGA TOUR. Describe what it was like being that locked in tee to green.

FRANCESCO MOLINARI: Yeah. Well, I didn't even realize I hit all greens, but it was very good, very solid. Obviously I managed to stay in the moment very well. It was a very solid round of golf and hopefully more to come on the weekend.

Q. We had talked earlier in the week that you decided to play the Quicken Loans National instead of European Tour's French Open, which is at Le Golf National, which is hosting the Ryder Cup which you're going to be a part of likely in September. Why was this such a critical start for you to make considering where you're at?

FRANCESCO MOLINARI: Yeah, it's just the way I played this year, obviously I played great on (inaudible) the few events I played on the European Tour. The results (inaudible), so I knew I needed some FedEx points and I watched this course last year on TV and decided to come here. So far, so good.

Q. What is it about this course that's made you so comfortable?

FRANCESCO MOLINARI: I think yesterday especially we played (inaudible) hardly any wind. Yeah, should be good for how I play, hitting fairways, hitting greens. Just need to make really good golf shots.

Q. Francesco, 18 greens, five birdies, 12 of 14 fairways, no bogeys. It was pretty good out there, wasn't it?

FRANCESCO MOLINARI: Yeah, it was a very good day, yeah. I played well, I played well yesterday. I think today it was probably mentally a little bit sharper. Yesterday I took a couple of wrong decisions. But yeah, very happy. Obviously I'm in a good position and looking forward to the weekend.

Q. Would you say the ball-striking is a strong part of your game?

FRANCESCO MOLINARI: Yeah, it is, it is normally. Obviously you still need to make a few putts and putting today was good. I made a couple of 25-footers that was a nice bonus. Everything is feeling good about the game, so I really need to focus on every shot and try to make the most of this week.

Q. Is this a golf course you like?

FRANCESCO MOLINARI: Yeah, I really enjoy it. It's my first time here, I wasn't here last year. I remember watching it on TV and thinking it looked like a great course and it is. It's tough but it's very fair, so I'm enjoying my time here.

Q. When you have a round like this today, did you feel like it's coming after the season that you've had or does it just kind of surprise you?

FRANCESCO MOLINARI: No, I think it's the way I play. Obviously today was good. My game has been there definitely the last few months, so I think the main difference is just mentally, some days you're sharper and some days you're not so sharp. Today I was really good from that point of view, made some good decisions at the right times and dropped a couple of putts. So I need to keep doing the same in the weekend and hopefully it will be enough to be in contention on Sunday.

Q. Did you change your schedule at all? I think you talked yesterday about adjusting to get your Tour card and finish it up. If you were to secure it this week or make a big jump this week, would that alter your schedule going forward, maybe play more in Europe?

FRANCESCO MOLINARI: No, not really, because I'm going to play John Deere and I have to play because of the strength of field regulation. You know, no matter how this week goes, I'll stick to the schedule.

Q. How important was it to you to, I guess, rack up the points over here given how well you've been playing in Europe but not so much on the Tour?

FRANCESCO MOLINARI: Obviously I enjoy playing here and I want to keep playing here, so I need the points. I still need the points, as simple as that. I knew I had John Deere and The Open and Bridgestone, PGA coming up. I felt obviously one more chance couldn't hurt. Luckily, I played well enough at Wentworth and Italy to be in a very good position on the Race to Dubai and they allowed me to make the change in the schedule.

Q. Quantify hard it is to hit 18 greens in a round.

FRANCESCO MOLINARI: I didn't even realize I was doing it, so that's why I was saying it was mentally a very good round. I stayed patient and I stayed in the moment and I just realized when someone told me when I finished.

Q. The record on this tour, you would have to go perfect the next two days as well to match it. How incredible is that?

FRANCESCO MOLINARI: I don't think that's going to happen. When I miss the green, I need to be ready and try to get it up and down.