

**VIKTOR HOVLAND (-14)**

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**Q. You shot 63 today, Viktor Hovland. What were the keys for you in your round to be able to take it low after that bogey on the first?**

**VIKTOR HOVLAND:** Yeah, that tee shot on 1 is a hard one and making a bogey there's not the end of the world. I was able to hit a lot of good iron shots today, had a lot of close looks for birdie and, honestly, missed my fair share of them today. I was really solid tee to green and luckily in there I was able to take advantage of some of the good approaches.

**Q. When we had talked earlier in the week, you had had a remarkable run of consecutive cuts made on the PGA TOUR. You said you were wanting to put it all together. How much closer are you after today?**

**VIKTOR HOVLAND:** Yeah, I feel like I'm a lot closer, just I feel like I've given myself a better chance to have rounds like these more often. You know, I'm chipping it a little bit better, I'm putting it a little bit better, so I don't have to have so many things go my way to shoot a 63. Obviously you still have to have things go your way, but it's not as much. Just kind of increasing my chances to play better every day.

**Q. The bogey at the first, 9 under the last 17 holes. Had to be feeling really good about your golf game?**

**VIKTOR HOVLAND:** Yeah, that was fun. Yeah, I've been hitting it really solid all week and felt it wasn't the best start with the bogey on 1, but I knew there's a bunch of birdies out there to make. Made a nice birdie on the very next hole and then I hit some really close shots that I didn't take advantage of. And I've missed a lot of short putts so far this week actually. I've made some long ones, but missed a lot of short putts. After I missed those, I got a little frustrated, but I quickly made some birdies right after that and that kind of got my mindset better.

**Q. A number of players have commented about the fact that the climate here is similar to Puerto Rico, similar to Puntacana, similar to Bermuda. Is there anything to that from your perspective having won in Puerto Rico earlier this year?**

**VIKTOR HOVLAND:** Maybe a little bit. I think it's -- obviously it's hot and it's humid, not as windy as Puerto Rico. That's basic will be the only place I've been to of any of those places. Yeah, it's a very narrow golf course and greens are soft. I feel like that sets up well for me. I'm hitting good shots, I can hit the ball close and I'm not going to miss that many fairways.

**Q. The Paspalum grass that's on this golf course similar to those at other places, we**

**don't play it a lot on the PGA TOUR. What's the biggest challenge for a player when you're dealing with this type of grass?**

**VIKTOR HOVLAND:** Yeah, they're really slow compared to what we normally play because you can really can't get them any quicker than 10 on the stimp meter, so your tendency is to overread some putts and hit them a little short. I think you've just got to get your mind into just hitting it a little bit firmer and not worry about the putt coming back so much.

**Q. 2020's winding down, crazy year. What have you kind of learned this year looking back on the year as a whole?**

**VIKTOR HOVLAND:** Yeah, it's one of those when we had that break, I'm not a great -- like my personality trait is not great with kind of moderation. So when we were not playing, I'm not one of those -- it's either I don't play golf at all or I'm kind of in grinding mode. I kind of looked at that period to kind of, okay, try to get better and try to get my life straight, but improved certain things here and there. So I've just kind of become a little bit more disciplined and gotten some better routines in.

**Q. So it's kind of like some days you might not grind as hard, kind of make it more consistent, your practice overall?**

**VIKTOR HOVLAND:** A little bit, yeah. Just kind of get some routines in and just make sure that if I'm going to go practice, it's not just, okay, I'll hit balls for 30 minutes and play nine holes and call it a day. It's more aim towards improving. You know, you show up to the golf course with a purpose.