

FRANCESCO MOLINARI (-7)

Q. Great way to start the season, 7 under today. Talk about a great round.

FRANCESCO MOLINARI: Yeah, played well. I chipped and putted really well, which you have to go that low. Yeah, game was pretty good. I think I can hit the ball off the tee a little better, but even the misses were in play, which is I think one of the keys here, not to get any penalty shots. Hopefully I can do the same for the rest of the week.

Q. You caught fire on your last nine, there was a special five birdies in six holes. Talk about that.

FRANCESCO MOLINARI: Yeah, I think the front nine, which I played as my back nine, you get a little more chances. Obviously there's the two par 5s close together. I hit a really good shot into 4, nearly made a hole-in-one. So yeah, gave myself some good looks and, like I said, the putt was working really well today.

Q. Last year was your first start at this tournament. You didn't make the cut, but what made the difference for you from last year to this year?

FRANCESCO MOLINARI: I wasn't playing that well last year, so it was a bit of a tough time for me. But I enjoyed the course even last year when I wasn't playing well. I think it's a course that should suit my game quite well. So yeah, I was happy to come back and hopefully improve the performance from last year.