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## Nick Taylor

### Press Conference



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#### **Q. Nick, how would you characterize the round today?**

NICK TAYLOR: It was really solid. The front nine especially. Hit, I think, maybe every green.

Back nine missed a few. Made a couple of decent up-and-downs. Just hit in the wrong spot a little bit and didn't drive it as well.

Putted, I felt like I made a lot of putts. Especially the ones you want to make when you take advantage of a good iron shot. Yeah, it was just a solid day tee-to-green.

#### **Q. What was the biggest challenge playing early this morning with the chilly conditions?**

NICK TAYLOR: It was cold. The wind was obviously up a little bit, and the greens were quick. This is probably the fastest I've seen them since the first few years we had the event here.

I prefer fast greens, so I think it makes it a bit trickier. The wind obviously makes it tricky, but I think the direction as well. Usually we kind of get a south wind here, and it's going to be north all week.

All the par-5s are kind of into the wind. The last three holes will play a bit easier because it's helping off the right, but it makes the scoring holes tougher, so I think that's why the scores aren't too low.

#### **Q. Obviously, the second event of the season. Do you kind of set goals? Do you work on goals, or are you more a process-oriented kind of player?**

NICK TAYLOR: A bit of both. It was nice to have a good result in Napa. I felt like my game was trending in that direction, but until you see results, it's tough to kind of get that confidence going.

Yeah, I did some good work in the offseason to kind of

narrow down what I really wanted to work on swing-wise, so when I come out here I'm not guessing or working on things when I'm at tournaments. That's been helpful, and the results are nice that it's showing too.

#### **Q. What were the big things you decided you needed to work on?**

NICK TAYLOR: Narrowing down a few setup things. A bit of the back swing. A lot of it's been working on my rhythm out on the golf course. I could see it get quick out there, so narrowing it down to being that focus, it felt like it's been pretty good.

#### **Q. When you think about your first PGA TOUR title here, does it feel like eight years ago, or how long ago does that feel when you think back to it?**

NICK TAYLOR: Yes and no. It's hard to imagine this is my ninth year on tour, and this has been eight years ago. It was such a whirlwind of a few months back then, so to look back, it's awesome. Again, the conditions this week remind me a lot of that week.

It was a bit later in the year then, but yeah, yes and no. It's amazing it's been eight years, but it doesn't feel that long ago at times as well.

#### **Q. Is there any element like this type of weather, does it almost give you a little more comfort zone having grown up in -- not that it's as cold as it could get, but in that realm?**

NICK TAYLOR: I like the trickiness with the wind. 5- or 6-under will probably be leading after today, so I would prefer that rather than an 8 or 9 typically. I like that you have to put it in the right spots, and the greens being fast, I definitely prefer that as well.

This morning definitely felt like a nice chilly Autumn day back home.

#### **Q. How did you spend last week? Did you watch in the Presidents Cup?**



NICK TAYLOR: I watched a bit, yeah. I watched a lot on Saturday. That was definitely something I wish I was out there trying to help the guys. I went to a lot of the dinners with Trevor Immelman and the team.

It's motivation for a couple of years being in Canada, so I think that's definitely on my list. It's pretty far away now, but it was fun watching, knowing a lot of guys on the team, and hoping I can be there in a couple of years.

**Q. What was your favorite shot or moment from today?**

NICK TAYLOR: I made a really nice putt on 9 for birdie, but I made a couple of nice recoveries on 17, 18. I didn't capitalize with the par on 18, but not great drives. I hit good shots up around the greens, and I was able to have a par and a bogey. It was really good tee-to-green for the most part.

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