

# Sony Open in Hawaii

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Waialae Country Club

## Nick Taylor

### Quick Quotes

**Q. Here we are again.**

NICK TAYLOR: Yeah.

**Q. Thought it was supposed to be harder this year with deeper rough and little wind and...**

NICK TAYLOR: Well, I think we got lucky with the forecast this morning. I expected some more wind. I read I think Michael Kim had a tweet about the direction of the wind this year, which was pretty accurate in the sense a lot of the wind is doing with the dogleg, so it felt like some of the tee shots maybe weren't as challenging.

I hit it great, but, again, this course fits my eye. Again, with the wind was even a little more so today. Irons were really sharp and was able to read the greens well.

**Q. First competitive round since the when?**

NICK TAYLOR: I played the Nedbank in December. I was saying earlier I think I kind of timed the offseason well. I didn't want to like play nothing for four months, so I had a couple tournaments after two months off to have something to gear up towards and take time off.

I felt like that was about a month before this. Geared up to that, played decent, and took what I needed from it. Yeah, felt like my game was sharp coming over here. You never know. Coming to do a course I'm comfortable with definitely helps.

**Q. So you weren't surprised by how well you hit it today?**

NICK TAYLOR: No. Practice is practice. I'm pleased. It was nice the last week and nice it translated to a competitive round.

**Q. What was your best shot today?**

NICK TAYLOR: I hit a lot of great shots on par-3s.



**Q. Did you birdie 7?**

NICK TAYLOR: I did birdie 7.

**Q. Dang.**

NICK TAYLOR: I birdied three of the four par-3, butts. The 4-iron I hit on 4 was probably one of the best shots today. Yeah, irons were really tough.

**Q. You were on top, pin high?**

NICK TAYLOR: Yeah. That's one you take a three and run to the next tee.

**Q. Just kind of choke on the putt or what?**

NICK TAYLOR: Yeah, pretty much.

**Q. What do you have going forward?**

NICK TAYLOR: Skipping Torrey Pines. Everything else on the west coast. Five to six weeks. Busy but good.

**Q. Have you thought much beyond that having gone through the system we are at now?**

NICK TAYLOR: Yeah, I'll do Palmer and Players. I've never really got a great formula before Augusta. I think I might add Valero this year that I've skipped the last couple years. That I'll kind of see. I felt like once Augusta hits it's laid out for you, for me at least, through the British Open.

**Q. When you're speaking of the majors, did it weigh on you at all the kind of...**

NICK TAYLOR: Missed about 100 cuts in a row?

**Q. Yeah.**

NICK TAYLOR: Yeah, certainly crosses your mind. It was probably more of a mental battle at Augusta last year to get that over with. Again, I still missed a couple cuts in majors, but I felt like both of those were some sloppy-ish mistakes. Wasn't necessarily -- you know, like didn't feel like I belong.



So felt like I made a lot of strides last year in the majors. U.S. Open I was kind of up there going into the final day playing with Scottie.

I took a lot from it. It's still something I want to build on this year, but I was happy with the progression over the last two years.

**Q. It's kind of fluke-ish I have to that many missed cuts in a row in a major. Did you...**

NICK TAYLOR: Yeah. I don't know if it's fluke-ish.

**Q. It happens.**

NICK TAYLOR: It happens. They're hard golf courses.

**Q. It's not like... (talking over one another.)**

NICK TAYLOR: I did it all certain ways. I've played poorly the first out. I had bad stretches coming in to miss by one or two. It wasn't just one thing. I felt like I built on that.

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