



NICK WATNEY (-6)

Q. Nick, solid play today, man. Four strokes gained, approach to the green, that's some good iron play.

NICK WATNEY: Yeah, today was a lot of fun. It's been a very unique season so far. I'm really happy to play well and I'm looking forward to trying to keep it going.

Q. Talking to us about playing golf is always better than all the other stuff that's been going on. What's really been the difference, because the swing you made at 18, that's the only one I saw, but it was in such perfect balance, it looked awesome.

NICK WATNEY: Yeah, I wasn't in the tournament last week and just worked really hard. I'm feeling great and kind of got some peace of mind here recently. I've practiced hard last week, kind of found -- just found some things. Trying to go back to basics, aim, setup, posture and balance and it's worked so far.

Q. The un-fundamentals are never fun, are they? Why don't we carry sticks in our bag, make sure our alignment's good. What are you looking forward to tomorrow?

NICK WATNEY: I'm looking forward to the challenge to keep doing my thing. I think I haven't been -- I haven't played well certainly since the restart and so I just need to -- there's some challenging drives out there. I just need to keep doing what I know I need to do and hopefully keep playing well.

Q. We had the restart back in June for you at Hilton Head, you were the first PGA TOUR player to test positive for the COVID-19. First and foremost, how is your health?

NICK WATNEY: It's very good, thank you. I tested positive for the antibodies and negative for the virus, so I'm trying to put that to bed, get past it and hopefully play some nice golf after coming down with that. Like I said, it's great to be up here after playing a good round as opposed to just other things.

Q. And some of the other things, we do have to ask you about. What was it like being the first player in the process thereafter of having to stay in South Carolina for nearly two weeks?

NICK WATNEY: Yeah, I haven't really found the proper way to describe being the first guy, you know. I felt like I was being cautious and careful and to end up with it was surprising, I guess. And then the isolation, the quarantine was kind of like groundhog day, just inside, a lot of pacing around and such. I guess it was -- we're in a pandemic and I'm glad to be on

the other side.

Q. Nick, if we can get some comments on your play?

NICK WATNEY: I played very nice, a steady round, kept the ball in play and took my opportunities where they presented themselves. Clean card and pleased with my play.

Q. Bogey-free is always good. Just talk a little bit about the conditions out there and how it led to scoring today.

NICK WATNEY: The greens were pretty soft, so it always helps to drive it well, but if you do get out of position, you were able to kind of -- if you were smart, you could still make pars. I think if the wind -- the wind was a bit tricky. If the wind keeps up this week, the golf course firms up, it will be a little tougher.

Q. How nice is it to be able to talk about your play on the golf course as opposed to what's going on off the golf course?

NICK WATNEY: It's really nice to be in here talking about golf and not other things. Hopefully I can keep it this way and see you guys again.

Q. Was there one area of your game that you found a little bit harder to come back from after the layoff or is everything clicking pretty well?

NICK WATNEY: You know, I haven't driven the ball well since the restart, so today I focused on that. Last week at home I did a lot of practice, did a lot of work and it's paid off so far.