

RORY SABBATINI (-10)

Q. Rory, where's the silver medal this week?

RORY SABBATINI: It made a few appearances to the course, but it's no longer here. It's in a safe place.

Q. Did you say it made a few appearances on the course?

RORY SABBATINI: No, to the golf course, but it's now in a safe place.

Q. It was here earlier this week?

RORY SABBATINI: Yes, it was.

Q. What have you found in your game?

RORY SABBATINI: Ironically enough, I think I've been, over the last, I don't know, six weeks to two months, kind of trending in the right direction with my golf game. But golf, it's weird how it doesn't add up sometimes even though you're doing the right things. I think final round in Tokyo kind of maybe was the final key. I think I've always put too much pressure on myself on the golf course, being too hard on myself on the golf course, expected too much of myself and I think maybe there I just kind of took a step back and relaxed and somehow it just seems to have clicked.

This week I'm taking the same approach and I think because of that, I'm not letting the bad shots affect me as much and just not putting as much pressure on myself.

Q. How would you describe the season? You're 141 heading into this week. How would you describe the season up until the Olympics?

RORY SABBATINI: Started well, fell off quickly and then did a nosedive and crashed and burned.

Q. So I know you had a chance last week to enjoy winning the silver medal and everything, and you traveled all over the world in the last like nine, 10 days. Did you expect to have a week like this?

RORY SABBATINI: You know what, last week obviously I didn't get a lot of practice in. I did a couple appearances, but really didn't get any like good, quality practice in. Then getting here, even I got here late Monday. Tuesday did a little bit of light practicing, not too much.

Then obviously Wednesday, nine-hole pro-am and then maybe an hour, hour and a half of practicing. Was not expecting obviously to get off to as good a start and I think because of that I kind of just took it a little easier and I got it going on the back nine yesterday. I think that's kind of where maybe things started to go for me a little bit.

Q. What's the pressure feel like for you this week?

RORY SABBATINI: It's weird, I'm not looking at it as pressure because, fortunately for me, I do have an exemption I can use and I have backup schedules if I do need it. Obviously my goal this week is just to go out there, play as well as I can, hopefully make the Playoffs.

So I'm just taking the approach of, you know what, I can only do what I can do. I've just got to go out there and focus one shot at a time, try and play as well as I can and hopefully all the numbers add up the right way.

Q. Do you have any reservations made for next week yet?

RORY SABBATINI: I do potentially have a flight reservation, but I don't know which direction.

Q. What's your position on shorts? Do you think you guys should be able to wear them in competitive rounds when it's like this?

RORY SABBATINI: You know what, I can see both sides of it. Yes, it would be I think beneficial for the players and I can also see from the aspect of professionally looking the part. PGA TOUR has an image, they're trying to protect that image and the image is to be professional looking. As much as sports change, golf's still one of the traditional sports that's held to a lot of the old-school beliefs. I can see both sides. I don't have an opinion one way or the other, I think both are great.

Q. And do you think maybe there would be like a temperature gauge where you guys would be allowed to or something like that?

RORY SABBATINI: You know what, I think the best way to explain that one is that's above my pay grade.

Q. Rory, what's the response been from people in South Africa to your winning for Slovakia?

RORY SABBATINI: I've had a lot of support. Obviously I know they're probably disappointed that this wasn't for South Africa, but you know what, it's been everything we could have hoped and more in trying to grow the game in Slovakia. I think there's maybe only 9,000 registered golfers in Slovakia, so in the last 10 days to two weeks, we've seen definitely an uptick in interest and people that are now wanting to go start playing the game and getting their kids involved in the game. So that was our hope, to create the interest and

desire and grow the game there.

Q. Did you end up going and doing a clinic over there?

RORY SABBATINI: I did a couple clinics after the Olympics as well as a charity day.

Q. Obviously you said this meant a lot to you, winning a silver, finishing second in an event, but what would it mean to win again after it's been a number of years?

RORY SABBATINI: Oh, obviously that would be incredible. My goal I think every year I start a season is make it to Maui. People always ask me my favorite event and I say Maui, because it means you won. So I would definitely like to get back to the Tournament of Champions. You know, we'll see what happens.