

ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTE
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NICK HARDY (-6)



Q. Nick, just take us through what happened there on the last hole with the shot and the shaft obviously being bent and what the result of it was.

NICK HARDY: Yeah, I had 176 hole, 153 front, but I had to aim at the right side of the green. The way the green peels like that, I had to carry it at least almost to pin high to 176.

I had an angle to hit the shot, I just had to hook a 9-iron with no follow-through, so that was a tough shot, that was the tough part about the shot.

I was in between 8 and 9. And 8 would have took me over the green probably but I knew I would have gotten safely, but I took the risk the hitting the 9 and it paid off.

Q. Were you surprised where the ball ended up?

NICK HARDY: When I hit it I knew it was going to be pretty good because I caught it perfect and I knew it felt like it was going to hook a little bit. I almost feel like I didn't even have to look after that because I was just worried about carrying the water. Once I hit it, I was like OK, it's going to be pretty good.

Q. Has something like that ever happened to you before, bent a club like that?

NICK HARDY: Honestly, no. I've had inadvertent bent clubs not through throwing clubs or anything, just they've been a little bent sometimes just through, I don't know, wear and tear maybe, but I've never hit a shot and bent a club before.

Q. We were ready to get a picture of the bent club and your coach looked like he already bent it back?

NICK HARDY: He bent it back, yeah, right away. He's really good with club repair. Unfortunately for you guys, it looks much better now. I've got it in my hand right now just to keep working on it at lunchtime just in case Titleist can't get me one in time, but we'll see.

Q. How has just since winning Zurich, has that been kind of a weight lifted off your shoulder, you know you have status for the next couple years, and how has your game kind of been since then?

NICK HARDY: Yeah, definitely. Like you said, it's been nice to have some security for the next couple years out here. I think I'm able to just kind of take a deep breath and look at the big picture and look at the long view of how I'm going to be the best player I can. I think it's



been great. My game is solid, I feel like I keep on getting better at my own pace.

Q. And then I was just going to say for your round today, what worked out well for you today?

NICK HARDY: Yeah, I played really solid. I actually got a nice couple up-and-downs early, made a nice putt from off the green early that kind of got me going. But I played really solid today, I was good off the tee. You've got to be kind of good off the tee out here, that's really the challenge, I think, and I did that.

