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NICOLAI HØJGAARD (-12)



Q. Nicolai, great playing. Obviously birdieing that last hole to come up with a solo second finish, what positives do you take out of this week and another high result on the PGA TOUR?

NICOLAI HØJGAARD: I definitely take the first couple of days playing some solid golf. Then the last two days, a bit scrappy. I had to dig deep, I had to grind. It's part of it. Obviously love the grind when you're out there and you can feel the nerves and you miss a couple things and you try to work on stuff. But I compete with some poor tee to green, overall poor golf the last two days.

Yeah, you know, I'm still happy with -- I've got a bigger picture here. We're on the right path, we're doing some good things. There's a lot of things we can do better, that's a good thing. We're going to regroup now, we've got a few more days now preparing for Pebble next week. I'm excited for the future. I'm sure I'm going to get it over the line at some point. It's about being patient and just stay calm.

And obviously you've got to enjoy this as well. You've got to take your losses with a smile sometimes because it makes you stronger. I definitely, I'll definitely do my best to get a couple shots better.

Q. How much are you looking forward to your next couple of starts at the AT&T Pebble Beach pro-am and the Genesis Invitational?

NICOLAI HØJGAARD: Yeah, looking forward to it. It's some great events, it's some really, really iconic golf courses I've never played before. This week Torrey Pines and then playing Pebble and Riv, it doesn't get any better, so real excited for the next few events.

Q. And over on the DP World Tour your brother and Thorbjorn Olesen are first and second on the leaderboard. How exciting is it to see that happen over in Europe?

NICOLAI HØJGAARD: It's really cool. I wish I could -- I wish I could have done it this week so we could have created some history in Danish golf. I got beaten today, so I wish some of the guys in Europe, especially Thorbjorn and Ras do some good golf tonight and then hopefully they'll get over the line, one of them. I'm excited to see them play good golf. It motivates me and it makes Danish golf getting better and better.

Q. Nicolai, came up just a little bit short this week. What are your thoughts on the week that was?



NICOLAI HØJGAARD: Overall, a really good week. You obviously want to come out on top. I gave it a good try today I felt like, but when I look back at this round and probably yesterday, there's a lot of (indiscernible) putting, but it's happened for everyone, you can't be perfect. It's a lot of good stuff this week. Excited for the future. It's just an extra fire for me watching this unfold on 18.

Q. And a gutsy performance from Matthieu as well to win, a fellow veteran of the DP World Tour like yourself. What does this performance say about him and your performance as well say about the level of guys coming out of Europe now?

NICOLAI HØJGAARD: Yeah, I'm happy for him, happy for him and his team. I can relate to it. They're working hard and I've seen that over the years. He's a great guy, happy for him and Woody. They were grinding out there. We were all grinding our heart out. He made good up-and-downs on the back nine and gave me a chance on 17, but then he pulled some magic on 18, which you've got to do if you want to win.

I gave it my best to put a bit of pressure on him today, but he got one on me. Yeah, happy for him.

