

ROCCO MEDIATE (-7)

Q. Great round today.

ROCCO MEDIATE: Yeah, it was fun. We had a good group. Everybody played pretty good. We had fun. It's fun to be the first out. I mean the first week out is good to see that.

Q. One of your better rounds here?

ROCCO MEDIATE: Yeah, I've had some good weeks here. I've played good here the three -- how many times have I been here? This is the fourth time, I think. I played pretty decent the first three. I've always liked this place. We were expecting way more wind, which is fine, either way's fine. This golf course is built for wind, but it was good, fun.

Q. Going out early, is there a lot of pressure to kind of score where you can?

ROCCO MEDIATE: Well, this is every week on this tour because if you're not shooting low scores, you're done. Seven won't be leading after this, more than likely, more than likely. But that's the thing, wind's down a touch, golf course is in perfect shape. They didn't cut the greens today because they were expecting 40 mile an hour winds, so they were a little slower. I don't know if that's necessarily easier or harder, but they'll get back to normal tomorrow it looks like.

Q. How long were you off?

ROCCO MEDIATE: Middle of October is my last event. What was my last event? The one before Sherwood. Richmond, yeah. That was my last event.

Q. What did you do during that time, just kind of took it easy?

ROCCO MEDIATE: No, no. We fixed a lot of things. Rick Smith and I fixed a lot of stuff in the golf swing. It showed today mentally, I was very pleased to see that. You never know until you go do it for real. You can do it all you want in practice with your body on the machine or whatever. It's good to see it, but if you can reproduce it here, you know it's right. So it was pretty good today. Drove it really nice, hit a further, a lot better iron shots, putted great today. Pretty much everything I looked at.

Q. 26 putts, I think?

ROCCO MEDIATE: Yeah, I putted really good. I hit a lot of good shots. I only missed a couple, maybe three greens I missed. Either way, I got it up and down twice where I

shouldn't have, 15 and 16. Hit some crazy up-and-downs there. It happens. Other than that, it was a pretty clean day.

Q. Did you used to be a long putter?

ROCCO MEDIATE: Yeah, I quit that in '09.

Q. That's what I thought.

ROCCO MEDIATE: It was all back issues. The ruling they made was silly, they should have let it go in my opinion. That's just my opinion.

Q. Did you get married here a couple years ago?

ROCCO MEDIATE: Yes, four years ago on Saturday.

Q. Your first time here, right?

ROCCO MEDIATE: No. Was that my first time or second? It's a heck of a question.

Q. We'll look it up. It was '14 or '15, I think they showed it on TV.

ROCCO MEDIATE: Wait a minute. Because I won in Boca, right, that was 2012, right, or was it '13? I don't know. It was my first or second time here.

Q. Out here on the beach?

ROCCO MEDIATE: Yeah, Earl, Earl the Pearl. He's the best.

Q. Seems like everybody has their anniversary at this tournament during this month.

ROCCO MEDIATE: Bernhard's is the 21st, a day after ours.

Q. Stephen's getting married in a couple weeks.

ROCCO MEDIATE: Yeah.

Q. This is also where Bruce Edwards got married to Marsha.

ROCCO MEDIATE: It's a heck of a place. I don't know what else to say about it.

Q. You guys have any Big Island spots when you come here?

ROCCO MEDIATE: We just kind of hang here. Where else would you go? I've got a thing at Kohanaiki. My buddy has a house there on Monday, Tuesday. Sunday, Monday,

Tuesday and -- or Sunday, Monday, I guess. Going to hang out there with him for a few days and go back home.

Q. You've been very supportive of the Hawaii State Junior Golf Association.

ROCCO MEDIATE: I couldn't do it the next year because I wasn't here.

Q. But they're still talking about it, the people who played there.

ROCCO MEDIATE: We had a lot of fun there. Try to sneak back up there next year.

Q. They would love to hear that.

ROCCO MEDIATE: It's such a great plate, it's such a great cause.