

Crowne Plaza Invitational at Colonial
Colonial Country Club
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Second-round Interviews

AN INTERVIEW WITH IAN BAKER-FINCH

(Interview by tape.)

Q. (Inaudible)?

IAN BAKER-FINCH: Obviously very disappointed with the score, but that's just lack of play. You know, I got a little bit unlucky at the second hole. I missed a putt for par. I 3-putted from about 25 feet at the fourth. I drove it in the left rough on 5. Hit a 3 coming out with a hazard on seven. So all of a sudden I'm five over after five holes. And I have gone from thinking I'm going to be 5-under to not making the cut. So disappointing. Just lack of play. That's all it is.

Q. Where do you go from here, do you have any intention of playing in anymore events?

IAN BAKER-FINCH: Back to the booth.

Q. Which you are good at. Do you have a different perspective now? You are more famous now for being on TV than as a golfer?

IAN BAKER-FINCH: Well, they are pretty closely related to be honest with you being an announcer. I think the best announcers are those that have played before and played well. So they have a good perspective. The way I played, the way I hit the ball, my iron play was great, I putted terribly in the afternoon. Terrible, terrible. All in all, maybe when I'm 50 I'll be able to play on the Champion's Tour, but I'm happy to get back to the booth.

Q. I knew it wasn't what you wanted but what about this experience overall?

IAN BAKER-FINCH: Overall pretty good, great experience, good to come back to Colonial and see the great changes to the course. You know, meet up with

some old friends and the crowds were really great for me, so that's good. Just disappointing.

Q. You come from a real position of strength when you talk about the changes that have been made, as an analyst, as a player, what do you think about some of the repositioning and what they've done?

IAN BAKER-FINCH: I think what they've done is really made a good golf course out of it. It was fantastic before. It was the distance that the ball goes now that they had to make a few changes, add a little bit of length, pushed the bunkers back out there to make the guys think on the tee. I think they've done that. The greens are a little bit softer this year because they're new. Give them another year and I think it will be absolutely perfect.

Q. As you well know this is the longest running TOUR at this site, what about this golf course allows it to stand the test of time so well?

IAN BAKER-FINCH: Well, I guess because you got to shape it from the tee more than anything. The golf course is all there in front of you. Nothing hidden. You got to shape it off the tees. Go out and think about your second shot. You got to control your spin. You do have a lot of short irons into to the green. The par-3s are fantastic giving you an array of different shots. Just all in all it's a classic.

Q. One last thing, you get a chance to walk in Ben Hogan's footsteps one more time making those rounds the last couple of days, what does that mean to you?

IAN BAKER-FINCH: I just think it adds to the prestige and the mystique of Colonial and the event itself. Having Ben Hogan win here five times and be such a big part of the place. To see his name on the wall of champions there on the first tee is an added bonus. Something very special.

Q. Thank you.

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