



Fore! Your Game

Your Equipment Guide For The Gear Enthusiasts

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Won of Fourteen – 3M Open Edition

Gear enthusiasts and weekend warriors alike often wonder what clubs the pros are gaming each week to see if these clubs could help their games. Search the internet and you can find a complete breakdown of all fourteen clubs in the winner's bag. This series of articles will focus on one of the fourteen clubs that captured my attention and helped propel the eventual winner to victory.

This week, Tony Finau took home the trophy at the 3M Open. Let's take a look at the six year old 3-iron that Tony can't seem to remove from his bag which helped him secure his 4th professional win!

Nike Vapor Fly Pro – 3 Iron



When diving into the bags of tour pros, some of the most interesting discoveries are the items that players simply will not replace. There are a lot of great stories and examples out there and Tony Finau's Nike

Vapor Fly Pro 3-iron is definitely one of them (side note that Brooks Koepka was also gaming this iron recently). These irons have sort of a cult following.

This is not the first article that will highlight this specific iron in Finau's bag. Gearheads have long been interested as to why tour pros cannot seem to replace it. In general, many of the reasons are the look, shape, feel off the face and, obviously, the performance. Recently, Andrew Tursky of GolfWRX wrote a similar article on this club and was able to talk to Tony about it (article link in the references).

During this interview, Finau addressed the many questions around the club and said "I got about 6 years of use out of the first one, and I'm hoping to get about 6-7 years out of this one. I only have one backup, but I'm hoping I'll get 6-7 years out of that one, too." With Nike ceasing production of its golf equipment segment in 2016, Finau must source backups just like every other golfer through secondary sources like eBay.

Since the revelation that pros like Finau and Koepka still relish the Nike Vapor Fly Pro irons, you can imagine how the secondary markets have reacted with single irons listed for \$250+. Fortunately, with Tony taking home the \$1.35 million prize with his victory on Sunday, I do not think he will have an issue funding the purchase of his next backup.

Even though Nike made the decision to exit the equipment business, they had many popular designs and offerings including the Nike Vapor Fly Pro irons. Here's some of the features of this design:

- Modern Muscle geometry balances center of gravity for stability and all around great feel
- Low & deep weighting for consistent high ball flight
- Nexcor faces and FlyBeam reinforced chassis give you faster ball speeds
- Long/Mid Irons come with hollow cavities for forgiveness
- Short Irons have RZN pocket technology for stability
- Professional shape offers more control



Tony Finau is currently gaming the 3-iron version of the Nike Vapor Fly Pro combining that head option with a Graphite Design Tour AD DI 105 X shaft and a lot of lead

tape. If you want to play a similar iron, start searching the secondary sources and be prepared to offer up a pretty penny to get yours!

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