

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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TONY FINAU (-6)



Q. I'm standing by here with Tony Finau, who shot 4 under today. Your proximity-to-the-hole stats were leaps and bounds better today. Did you feel like you were dialed in?

TONY FINAU: Yeah, I hit it really nicely, hit it really well and it definitely showed. I was able to have a lot of looks. Looks on this golf course is a good thing. So I was able to take advantage this morning of fresher greens and I was really pleased with my round.

Q. Yeah, was it the conditions were the difference for you or was it something clicked?

TONY FINAU: A little bit of both, yeah. I found something in my swing -- my coach and I both -- on the range that kind of worked today and then just having some fresher greens, I was able to roll in a couple more putts. So you know, I hit it nicely and hopefully I continue that throughout this weekend.

Q. Speaking of the weekend, what's your game plan?

TONY FINAU: Continue doing what I'm doing. It's seemed to be work pretty well so far. I've got a few guys to catch. Looks like guys are playing well out here in scorable conditions, so I have to get after it on the weekend. But I proved to myself I can do it on this type of golf course and, you know, I played nicely so far. So just continue to do what I'm doing and hopefully I'm in it at the end.

Q. What was the difference today?

TONY FINAU: I hit a lot more fairways today, which makes this golf course a little bit easier. I was able to not really force my hand and hit a lot of greens. You know, eliminate a lot of bogeys that I made yesterday, so I was happy with that today and hope to continue it on the weekend.

Q. You're third in driving distance. How much does your power help you take advantage of this golf course?

TONY FINAU: Yeah, I think length is a huge asset and huge part of my game. When I'm hitting the fairways, I'm coming in with shorter irons than most guys, so I've got to take advantage of that throughout this week and I've been able to do that these first couple days.

Q. Your first time here, how are you enjoying it, and does that help when you're

playing a tournament for the first time when you don't have the experience?

TONY FINAU: Yeah. I mean, you can look at it both ways; it can help, can hurt. I seem to play well when I see a golf course for the first time and don't have too many bad memories from it. Just do my best work as far as preparation and come out and try and play my best. So I put together a couple solid rounds, I feel like, in my debut and I look forward to this weekend.

Q. Finally, your performance in the big events this year, what is it about this events that bring out your best golf?

TONY FINAU: Yeah, I think my attitude is a big part. Not really changing too much. I'm never too up, never too down and that seems to help me in bigger tournaments. My game is getting better each year. I feel like it is and I kind of have the stats to show that or stats to prove that. So it's been a good run and I look forward to this weekend and on to the PGA next week.

Q. We wish you the best of luck. Before you go, there's a video that's been doing the rounds on the internet, we would love to get your reaction.

TONY FINAU: Yeah, I've seen it. I think only Phil can move like that. He's got the karate chop going and throw away the golf ball, the disco, the Kung Fu. He's got a lot going on and only he can pull that off. Who knows, he may turn into a dance, kind of like that Drake Kiki song, everybody doing that. Maybe it will turn into the Phil dance, but pretty interesting moves there.