

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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TONY FINAU (-5)



Q. Tony, great day, bogey free 5 under, it's all about the scrambling. Yeah, right. 17 of 18 greens, the irons were on fire.

TONY FINAU: I hit it really nicely. Sometimes the game's tough and sometimes it comes a little easier. This first round I hit it really nicely and it was pretty simple.

Q. How hard was it to keep it simple? You started the first round yesterday, stopped, got through all those holes, but first round yesterday and then again today, and to keep it that simple, how tough is that?

TONY FINAU: Yeah, it is tough. Emotionally we were kind of prepared for it. I saw the weather forecast for the week and knew it could be something similar to the AT&T last week at Pebble Beach, so mentally and emotionally you've got to prepare. But the game feels good and I hit it better this week than I have the first few events I've started this season or this year, so I'm excited about that.

Q. Just spoke with Patrick Rodgers. He suggested he was shocked at how dry the golf course was; he was expecting, for lack of a better term, more of a swampy playing field. Were you surprised with the drainage? Any thoughts on how the course is playing?

TONY FINAU: Yeah, the course drains really well. I think you're going to see some great scores, though, out there this afternoon. It's soft, soft enough to have the ball not spin too much, and the greens are really good. I don't think the forecast shows for a lot of wind. I think it was important to post a good number, even though for all the obstacles we went through, I think it was important to post a good number. I think you're going to see some good scores out there this afternoon.

Q. Before we let you go, what are you going to do with your time this afternoon?

TONY FINAU: Yeah, I'll get a little practice in, get a workout in and then just chill. I think we deserve some chill time after a couple 4 a.m. wake-up calls.