

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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TONY FINAU (-8)



Q. Tony, got it to 10 under at one point, a couple of struggles down the stretch. Your thoughts on how you played this second round, the long second round?

TONY FINAU: Yeah, really long. I played nicely. I kind of blitzed those first 10 holes, I did some nice things, and next thing you know I was, like you said, whatever it was, 5 under on my day and 10 under for the tournament.

Those holes coming in are tough, there's no way around it. I think you can bogey any one of those holes from 2 to 9. Unfortunately, I did bogey a few of them.

But I feel good going into the weekend and I think the golf course is going to start to firm out, which will be nice. Some of the shots I hit out there, if you don't watch your spin, you can easily spin a lot of your shots off the green with how much moisture is in the grass. So hope it starts to firm up a little bit and we have a good weekend.

Q. How did you handle these 48 hours here, because it was supposed to be starting on Thursday morning, here we are Saturday afternoon.

TONY FINAU: Yeah, just try to have as much patience as possible. I've got four kids, so I've been taught a little bit of patience. These last 48 hours, it has definitely tested my patience, but everybody has to deal with it. There's no wave so far that hasn't had to wait, had to deal with some type of delay, so it is what it is. Whenever they tell me to tee it up, I'll be ready to go.

Q. And the course, did it change much? The sun came out, it was kind of breezy out there. Did it firm up at all?

TONY FINAU: It didn't really -- the greens didn't really firm up. I think maybe the fairways firmed up a little bit, you're getting some roll now in the fairways. They were kind of plugging yesterday. So I do feel like the greens will start to firm up a little bit if there's no more rain.

Q. You finished tied for second last year, obviously back in contention this year. What is it about this place that you like and that suits your game?

TONY FINAU: Yeah, I think it's just one of my favorite golf courses. I think I play it well, but I think you have to have patience playing this golf course just in that you can score early on both nines. If you start on the back, you've got 10 and 11; if you start on the front, you've got 1. But after that you've got to play really good golf. You know, I think that type of golf course favors guys that can stay patient and that's kind of what I learned last year, to stay

patient and hopefully hit enough good shots to give yourself some looks on kind of those other holes that I was talking about.

Q. And after the bogey on your last hole today, do you feel better about that, you can get right back to it early and not stew on it for a while?

TONY FINAU: Yeah, for sure. It's kind of just like a marathon, just like whenever they tell you to go out and play holes, just try and do your best while you're out there, so I definitely feel that way.

A little mud ball on the second shot and squirted out to the right, kind of short-sided myself, so unfortunately made bogey. However many holes we get in today, just try to do your best with them. Again, it's going to be a marathon day tomorrow, so just relax, get some rest and come back out and try and do it tomorrow.

Q. How do you describe mentally, not physically, marathon? How do you manage to be focused?

TONY FINAU: Yeah, I think you just have to put yourself in the mindset of just being patient and be ready to play when it's time to play. Sometimes you just don't know when that's going to be, but just prepare and wait it out until they tell you when your tee time is and just be ready to go