

TONY ROMO (+4)

Q. Tony, what were the big differences between yesterday and today?

TONY ROMO: Well, didn't hit many fairways today. With the firmness of the greens, it's just difficult when you put yourself in some of the spots I was. I didn't putt well. Started three three-putts, I think, on the front, first eight holes. Kind of gets you a little antsy as far as trying to get some of them back. And didn't hit the fairways enough today.

From there, the greens are so firm that it makes it difficult to get into really scoring but also just in a position where you can control the next shot. That was really the difference.

Q. Are you proud of how you grinded out there all the way to the end?

TONY ROMO: Yeah, you're always going to grind. You're always just trying to improve and get better. A lot of good stuff this week. I hit a lot of good shots and I think signs of life.

Q. Every time you tee it up obviously at a PGA TOUR event you learn something. What was the biggest thing you learned this week?

TONY ROMO: I think more than anything, on this golf course especially, just you've got to play from the fairway. It's just completely different out on Tour if you're not playing from the fairway because the firmness, the rough, some of the angles you're coming in from. That's something to take into account and look at some of the swings and figure out -- I think I know why, but wasn't able to correct it.

Q. A year ago when I was with you during Q-School, you said this is a long-term thing. Are you feeling like you're on good pace from where you were a year ago after a few Tour events?

TONY ROMO: Yeah, there's no question I've improved a lot. I think today obviously didn't show it as much, but I think just being able to do it one day, you need to do that at least to start. Then you start to get more comfortable in the environments each time.

Today was one of those where when I had a loose swing or two, it just got difficult to get it back on line as quick as I had been. Like I said, I think I know why, but got to go back.

Q. Think Jim will be happy to see you in the booth on Sunday?

TONY ROMO: Yeah, we'll have some fun.

Q. Unfortunately, Tony's going to have to go back to his day job on Sunday, which is still not that bad, but tell me about what those feelings were like. You put yourself in position after Round 1. Did you feel some of the nerves on Friday going into Round 2?

TONY ROMO: Yeah, I definitely did. I think it was good. Obviously it was -- there's nerves, but there's also fun nerves. I got off to a rough start. A little bit of that I can attribute to nerves. I came back strong with a couple of birdies and got myself back in it. Then I had a loose swing that just kind of made it difficult to self-correct on the course. Kind of got it a little bit late. Putter let me down today. That's five or six shot easily there and that can be the difference out here.

Q. Knowing that you look at doing this as a career potentially in the future, what's the biggest thing you're learning in this journey?

TONY ROMO: I think you just have to -- putting is huge. That's just -- yesterday I putted well, today it was terrible. But also, hitting the fairways is paramount. You can overcome shots because your misses are far smaller from the short grass, where when you're coming from the rough, with the firmness of these greens, I got in a lot of tough spots that made the chip or some of the angles difficult out here and can't do that.

Q. What's the one positive thing you're going to take away from this week that makes you believe, hey, you know what, I can do this?

TONY ROMO: Well, I think more than anything, I hadn't done it really in one round yet and I was able to do that yesterday, put it together. Haven't been able to do two rounds yet, but I think by next spring you'll see a pretty big leap in the game.