



TONY FINAU ( -13)

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**Q. Tony, didn't look like you had your best stuff. Give us your thoughts on how today went for you.**

**TONY FINAU:** Yeah, I think that's a perfect way to describe it. Didn't swing as well as I did the last couple days, but I was able to get it in the hole and make a few birdies just to keep some momentum. Two shots back going into tomorrow. Nice break on 16, I thought that was just huge for me to make 4 there. On a drivable hole, you don't really want to give up a shot, so I was happy to make 4 and just get in the clubhouse only a couple shots back.

**Q. Anything in particular you did with the swing today that you felt kind of out of sorts or is that just the game of golf?**

**TONY FINAU:** I hit it left for the first time on 2, that took me for a little spin. I haven't hit it left all week and finally pulled one on 2. Sometimes you fight it out there and you just have to adapt and try to figure it out while you're playing. So I think I'll get to the range with Boyd and figure it out. I've got to drive it better tomorrow to shoot a little better.

**Q. You're probably tired of this question, we're tired of asking it. What's it going to take for you to cross the finish line and get that second win on the PGA TOUR? What do you have to do tomorrow that you maybe haven't done in the past?**

**TONY FINAU:** I think I've been a little slow out of the box in some of my round 4s. I think if I get off to a good start, get some momentum, I've got the ability to put the gas on the pedal and make some birdies. As long as I don't shoot myself in the foot early, I think we're going to have a shot tomorrow. I'm excited to put myself in those positions. Disappointing at times when you can't get the job done, but for me, I have to welcome it at this point and just keep fighting and hopefully the door comes down eventually.

**Q. You survived here on this Saturday. How would you characterize what happened out there today for you?**

**TONY FINAU:** Yeah, I battled. I didn't swing it as good as I did the first couple days. I was able to battle and I think a pretty respectable 69 on a day where the wind was enough to make it tough out there. I think we got in a nice groove and we were able to make some birdies coming down towards the end, which was nice.

**Q. What felt different for you out there today?**

**TONY FINAU:** The driver wasn't as good. I didn't hit as many fairways as I needed to to

really make a run. Hitting out of the rough, you can't really hit it close here, so I'll be looking to change that up tomorrow and hopefully hit some more fairways.

**Q. You said the word "battle." Considering what happened last weekend at Memorial, how proud of yourself are you to just sort of hang in there and put up a number and give yourself a chance?**

**TONY FINAU:** Yeah, I'm definitely proud of myself on just being mentally strong and emotionally strong. It was a tough finish last week, but every week is a new week. Every week you have an opportunity to prove yourself. That's what I love about the game. Doesn't matter how well you played the last week or how terrible you played, you have a new week to prove yourself and I've gotten another opportunity to try to prove myself tomorrow.

**Q. When things are a bit off, as you just said, with Boyd on the bag, what impact does he have to maybe have you look at things differently and maybe reassess knowing what he's telling you is probably pretty sound advice?**

**TONY FINAU:** Yeah, he's known me for a long time, known my game for a long time. To have someone on the bag that has that much knowledge of my game and knowledge just in general of the game, so we don't have our best stuff, just try to plod our way around to try to shoot a number. Sometimes that's what you have to do is try and adapt and shoot a score when you're in contention. I didn't shoot myself in the foot today, which is nice on a day when I didn't feel like I had my best stuff.

**Q. Any particular moments out there where you might have said something that you thought twice about how you were going to attack it?**

**TONY FINAU:** Yeah, No. 12, I thought there was a little less wind than there was yesterday. I hit a 4-iron yesterday that went about 300 yards. I didn't think it was going to go as far today so I was thinking 3-iron, but he told me, hey, it's super firm out there, I think the 3-iron could go in the water. So I played the 4-iron and (inaudible) hit a 3-wood right next to the green to make birdie.

The only knock I have on him this week is I don't know how many shots that red leg has cost me just laughing and trying to prepare for shots. Outside of that, he's done a great job on the golf course.

**Q. You spoke to his son Preston after the win at Sony. What was that conversation like and how inspiring was it?**

**TONY FINAU:** I tried to reach him last night through FaceTime and he actually didn't pick up, so I just shot him a text and told him how proud I was of him and I look forward to talking to him whenever I get back home.