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TONY FINAU: (In progress) broke the news, me and Jon both were kind of looking at our phones and looking into it to see how serious it was. Obviously for us, we don't know all the details of the situation, but we feel for Tiger. And as a player, we just wish -- hope he's okay and we're praying for his speedy recovery.

Q. What does Tiger mean to you guys out here?

TONY FINAU: Yeah, I mean, he means a lot to the game of golf. I can only speak from my experience, he means a lot to my career. I've said it I think time after time, the '97 Masters changed the course of my life, course of my career. Without that event I probably wouldn't be here, I wouldn't be playing golf, so he definitely changed the course of my life, my career. I think I'm one of hundreds of guys out here probably that would say the same thing. He means a lot to the game, but individually I think he means a lot to us just individually, especially for me.

Q. I imagine that had to have been shocking to read from your manager and then to look into it a little more. What were your emotions as you played the front nine?

TONY FINAU: Yeah, I saw the condition of his car. To me, you just hope that he's okay, that's the biggest reaction really. A little bit shocked. You know, something crazy happened to our sports world last year with Kobe, so I wouldn't say that dramatic of feelings, but man, you just hope Tiger's all right. We all know he's a strong cookie physically, mentally, so if someone's going to get through this, he will and be back for the better, I'm sure. My thoughts and prayers I'm sure as all the players, I can speak on their behalf, are with Tiger.