

ROUND 3 INTERVIEW
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MARIO TIZIANI (+7)

Q. Just kind of some final thoughts on the week. Even par today, you made a nice up-and-down on the last hole.

MARIO TIZIANI: Not really a nice one, but I got it up and down. It was right on the front. It was a good week, I had a blast. Got better every day. Would love to come back, give it a rip again. I'm excited for the rest of the summer. I'll play a little more, but it was weird being out there. The game is there on the range, kind of get out there and a little more tense, but I had a fun week. It was awesome.

Q. I'm kind of writing about what this tournament means to guys like you and Andy, Steve. Steve comes out today and after a slow start shoots 65. Could you tell that he wanted to go -- I mean, he said he wanted 60 or 61, but a lot of us are thinking --

MARIO TIZIANI: Realistically, right.

Q. -- what's going to go on here. And he did 65, so you can tell -- what was he like coming in here today and all week, and how much does this tournament mean to him, do you think?

MARIO TIZIANI: Yeah, I know it means a lot. It's tough to play at home I think for him. He wants to -- he thrives to win just like anybody, so I know that today's going to make him feel better. He bogged down the first two days. I think it's -- I think a lot of people get in his ear a little bit about expectations and he kind of wants to set his own a little bit, so I think that's on him. He's got to learn -- not learn. I think it will be helpful if he can tune it out a little bit more and not have all these people kind of in his ear and just kind of do his thing.

Q. How about for you? I know it's your first time, but expectations versus results, how much do you -- how do you judge knowing that this is a big event for you?

MARIO TIZIANI: Yeah. I mean, like I said, at the beginning of the week I didn't know what to expect, and now having gone through it, it was pretty much what I expected. I knew I would be tense, I knew I would probably not be as free out there as I wanted to be, but it got better every day. I think if I just kind of keep competing, it will get better and better and I'll feel more comfortable. It's just comfort, it's just getting comfortable out there.

Q. What will you play in the rest of the summer?

MARIO TIZIANI: State Open.

Q. Here?

MARIO TIZIANI: I can't play this one because I'm working.

Q. Really?

MARIO TIZIANI: Yeah, I can't play it. But I'm playing the State Open in Minnesota. They have a Minnesota Champions event I'm playing. Then I'm playing the Senior State Open here at Blackhawk. Then I'll try some of these, Sanford probably and try a couple of those.

Q. Will you write for an invite to Sanford?

MARIO TIZIANI: If I can get more results, I will. I promised myself I wouldn't leverage Steve or anything like that, I kind of want to make my own way. So if I have a resume that's worthy, I'll write.