

RICKIE FOWLER (-21)

Q. Obviously you put yourself in a great position. You feel like this could be the moment that you get back everything on track like you've been working towards?

RICKIE FOWLER: Yeah, I mean, it could be. I've done everything I really wanted to do the first three days. It's nice to be executing the way we are. I say "we," it's a two-man show out there, Joe and myself, and ultimately I'm the one pulling the trigger.

No, it's just been a long time coming. I haven't been in this position a whole lot in the last couple years, so to feel the emotions again on the back nine being around and then in the lead, you know, kind of dealing with that again and kind of making sure that I was going through the right process and committing to what I was ultimately trying to do, it was great to see that I was still executing and hitting the shots that I wanted to.

So, no, just a solid round of golf today. Started with two solid rounds the first two days, so yeah, three days are done. I can't do anything about that. So 18 holes of golf tomorrow and a whole new day.

Q. I was going to say you've shown glimpses of this over the past few months, but the impressive thing today was you got yourself in front. You must have seen the leaderboards that you were there and you still pushed the gas forward at that point.

RICKIE FOWLER: Yeah, a big thing for me was seeing that and some guys obviously say, you know, don't look at leaderboards, look at leaderboards. I've always found it fun because you're chasing guys and then you get there and it's -- and then it obviously becomes almost sometimes a different feeling.

Yeah, just kept telling myself, hey, keep pushing, like keep executing, nothing changes. I would say, yeah, feelings do change a little bit inside and it's trying to make sure those kind of -- you kind of settle those a little bit, but still playing the same way and tried to make sure that I kept thinking the same way and staying aggressive.

Q. Is there more an element of surprise where you are right now or "about time"?

RICKIE FOWLER: A lot more on the "about time" side. I'm not surprised, this has been coming. Like I said, we're not done yet. This is just three days and golf tournaments are typically 72 holes, so we've got 18 more of them.

It's definitely going to be a challenge tomorrow. It's a tight leaderboard and this is a golf course where you drive it well, which I've been doing this week, you can score. But as soon

as you get a bit offline off the tee, it becomes a whole different golf course.

Q. Are you expecting some low numbers to be thrown at you tomorrow?

RICKIE FOWLER: I would assume so. Like I said, you drive the ball well around here, it really doesn't matter how tucked the pins are, the greens are still fairly receptive. And I know the weather's supposed to be good, so if I can go execute off the tee, everything can kind of fall into place tomorrow.

Q. Rickie, obviously been a while since you've been in this position, so how will you sleep tonight? Anything different tonight?

RICKIE FOWLER: Same old thing. We're lucky, we have a condo here on site, so cruise back over there. I'll get some therapy from my trainer, Derek. We have a friend here who's been cooking for us who's a chef. Simon will cook us up a nice dinner. JT's staying with us. We'll just hang out, have some good food, probably watch a couple shows and shut it down.

Q. Not think about it too much?

RICKIE FOWLER: No. JT and I will probably talk a little golf up there. It's always fun to kind of go back through, hear what he did and how his round was out there. Keep it fairly simple, nothing too crazy. Yeah, put our feet up and relax.

Q. What shows are you watching?

RICKIE FOWLER: We're about to finish Squid Games, so we've been doing a lot of reading this week then since they're subtitles. We saved the last episode of Ted Lasso. Then Morning Show has been an other. Luckily, there's a few around that week kind of rotate and have plenty to watch.