

ROUND 4 INTERVIEW
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RICKIE FOWLER (-22)

Q. Rickie, great week. What was the difference today?

RICKIE FOWLER: Today, I mean, I just had a couple swings that got me out of position. One, I had to take an unplayable lie, which I was really just trying to hit it up the left part of the green there, just got a touch left of my line. And then a couple three-putts. Struggled a bit on the greens just with feel and speed. So really, all in all, you factor that in, miss a couple opportunities coming down the last couple, we're only three shots back of Rory. So a lot of good stuff. Obviously disappointed, but this is a big step in the right direction with where we've been in the last two years.

Q. And with that, how much does this sort of justify all the work that you've been doing these last couple of years?

RICKIE FOWLER: It's definitely nice. It felt good to finally hit the golf ball properly, at least most of the time, for 72 holes. A lot of quality shots, a lot of good swings this week. Drove the ball well, which set me up to play golf around this place. That's the first key is, one, staying out of the desert and driving it in the fairway. We did a really good job.

Like I said, I felt like I struggled a bit on the greens this week. Wasn't necessarily a line issue; it was, like I said, more of a me speed issue. Go do some work when we touch down in Japan. Other than that, like I said, happy with the rest of it.

Q. How do you take what you did this week to ZOZO and then on down the line?

RICKIE FOWLER: Just keeping it simple knowing the few things that we're working on, keep focusing on that, keep trusting it. It's been a long journey, but definitely thankful for the team around me, my wife, Allison, and Joe on the bag. And Tillery, he's spent countless hours trying to get me on the right track and have my back. Then Sam and Butler, my agents, and Derek, my trainer. I've got a great team around me, so it's nice to kind of show them that the work that we've been doing is paying off.