

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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TONY FINAU (-5)

Q. How long was that?

TONY FINAU: It was probably like 32, 34 feet would be my guess, something like that.

Q. Even on your first nine, 5-under 30 coming in, what changed at the turn to you?

TONY FINAU: Yeah, I think I was patient with myself. I knew the golf course, it's a tough golf course to play. You have to drive it in the fairway and your work's not done, it's hard to hit the greens. You know if you miss the green, it's hard to get up and down, so I was just patient with myself. I made a couple bombs, I think that kind of opened it up. On No. 2 I made about a 60-footer for birdie and then I had 3 downwind, I think 3's probably the one hole you can have an opportunity to score. So I think those back-to-back birdies just kind of set me off and on my way on the back nine.

Q. This is your second start of the fall, you missed the cut a week ago in Mayakoba. What are you trying to accomplish more than the obvious of winning here this week but ending the year on a good note?

TONY FINAU: Yeah, I always looked at it exactly like that. The season that I've had this past season was very nice, but I want to go out in a good way and I want to finish the year strong and I think that's what I'm looking for this week.

Q. How do you keep the momentum that you finished with today early tomorrow morning?

TONY FINAU: Yeah, the good news is not a lot of time between now and then. That's why I usually enjoy this wave. Just grab some food and hopefully just continue that pace tomorrow.

Q. Why is the front nine playing so dramatically easier than the back nine?

TONY FINAU: I think the first part is the two par 5s, so you have that extra opportunity to score. And then, yeah, I don't know. I think No. 5 is a shorter hole. No. 6 plays as short as it can because of the pin being in the front and you're going to have a lot of guys hitting wedge in there. I would say probably for those reasons.

Q. What does it do for you when you finish like that with a putt like that?

TONY FINAU: It makes dinner taste a lot better, for sure. I know I played well just to put



myself near the top of the leaderboard and it's kind of just icing on the cake on a day that's hard fought and well played.

