

**ROUND 2 INTERVIEW**  
**November 11, 2022**



**TONY FINAU (-13)**

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**Q. Tony, how would you characterize the 62 you shot today?**

**TONY FINAU:** Yeah, it was really good. I hit it nicely. I thought I just took the momentum that I had from yesterday. I finished 5 under on my last nine yesterday and I just rolled that momentum right into today. I thought I made a huge putt for par on No. 1 and then I was kind of off to the races. I almost made a hole-in-one on No. 2 and just kind of cruising from there. It was a really nice round of golf.

**Q. After missing the cut last week, did you work on anything before you came here? Did you see this kind of coming these two days?**

**TONY FINAU:** I mean, you always hope that you see some good golf coming. Yeah, I didn't take a day off from last week until this week, just meaning I wanted to just be sharp. I was not very sharp last week. I played some good stretch of golf mixed with a lot of bad stretches of golf, so I just wanted to be a little sharper and play some better golf and within myself and I've been able to do that these first couple days.

**Q. Did you get into what we would call a zone? Are you in a zone? Is this the best patch of golf you've ever played perhaps, a tiny sampling?**

**TONY FINAU:** I mean, that's definitely some great scoring. Obviously winning back-to-back on the Tour, that's probably right at the top so far in my career, but this was a nice stretch. I think these last 27 holes is pretty impressive on this golf course. It's not a golf course where we're playing rounds and we're like, we're gonna light this place up, right? For sure out there today I do feel like I was in that zone and just able to execute golf shots and at the end of the day it rounded up to 62.

**Q. You said yesterday that finishing late and then starting early without much turnaround time was going to make dinner feel better. So two-part question, what do you have for dinner and is it sometimes good to have that late finish, quick start so the momentum never goes away even though you go to sleep for a few hours?**

**TONY FINAU:** Yeah, my favorite tee time always is late-early. If you're playing bad, you get it over with fast. If you're playing good, you ride the momentum right into the next day. So it proved to be true this week.

I think it's called Blue Fish Sushi literally like a mile from here on Washington Street.

**Q. Yeah, yeah, yeah, good place.**



**TONY FINAU:** So yeah, it was good.

**Q. Obviously it settled OK?**

**TONY FINAU:** Obviously it settled OK and worked OK. Actually, I had to use the restroom right off the gate, a PGA TOUR player's nightmare being on the first tee and having to go to the bathroom. So I can't say that it actually sat the best, but it worked out.

**Q. It turned out fine.**

**TONY FINAU:** That's right.

**Q. We always talked about your one win, then you won back to back last year. What did that teach you about your game that's maybe kind of helped you going forward from that stretch?**

**TONY FINAU:** Yeah, winning just breeds confidence. I've always felt like I was confident to win, but you've got to do it, you've got to make it happen. Having done that back to back, I think it just breeds confidence more into my belief and to my game. I would say that's been a nice part over these last couple years is just getting more comfortable at the top of the leaderboard. I always am trying to get better and each day that's all you can ask of yourself is just try and push yourself to be the best you can be, and the result of that is I think I've been better each year of my career and each season and hopefully I continue that trend.

**Q. You have obviously put yourself in contention to win a lot of tournaments and now you are starting to win tournaments. Was the issue strictly mental or were there technical problems with your game that you think you've sorted out?**

**TONY FINAU:** Yeah, both. I think both of them go hand in hand. Technical-wise, I'm putting it better than I've ever putted it, more consistently and I know that's the part of my game I've always needed to be better at, so that on the technical side, for sure. But the belief's there because of some of the success I've had over the last 16 months of my career and put myself in another nice situation this week.

**Q. How do you get yourself better as a putter, though, because that seems to be so cerebral?**

**TONY FINAU:** Yeah. Well, I think the main ingredient is believe you're a good putter. I always have. When I go through a bad putting stretch, I don't look at myself and say, wow, you're a terrible putter. I haven't been scared to tinker, but one of my goals this year is to not switch my putting grip. That was a goal last year and I followed through with it and it's another goal this year.

**Q. How many times have you switched in your career would you say?**



**TONY FINAU:** I've used about -- I've got the pencil grip, I went cross-hand, different conventional, I've used about four different grips.

**Q. Which one are you in now?**

**TONY FINAU:** Just conventional.

**Q. You mentioned last week going into Mexico about how coming off of the stretch that you were on, you felt really confident. You missed the cut, come here. How do you keep that confidence high? Is it just kind of tossing that week aside knowing that you can come back and play strong again?**

**TONY FINAU:** Yeah, that's the beauty of playing on the PGA TOUR and being a member is you can learn from every week and every week you have a fresh start. You don't have to carry the bad golf that you played one week right into the next week. I was able to just brush that off. To me, I just looked at it I was just a little rusty. I took a quite a bit of time off, more time than I've ever taken off in my career and I just looked at it said it was a rusty week, we'll get ready for another one. I think using my experience to just block out a week that was in my eyes kind of an anomaly.

**Q. Like you said, that confidence you have makes that probably a little easier I'm guessing, too, right?**

**TONY FINAU:** Yeah, no doubt.

**Q. When was the patch that you took off that was unusually long?**

**TONY FINAU:** I didn't play for like over two weeks.

