

MEXICO OPEN AT VIDANTA

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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TONY FINAU (-6)

Q. Runner-up last year, starting off with a 65, good note to end on with the birdie. What did you like about your opening round?

TONY FINAU: Yeah, I liked that it was really clean, I didn't make any big mistakes, any terrible swings off the tee to put myself in bad position. It was a solid way to start this golf tournament, no question.

Q. How you feel today, the pins?

TONY FINAU: Yeah, they were good. Some of the pins were tucked. The greens are actually a lot firmer than they were last year. Greens are also a little bit faster so you've got to respect some of these pins. Short-sided is actually quite a bit tougher than it was last year. With that being the case, I thought the pins were really good and they weren't easy. The wind blew out there in the afternoon, so I was happy to score the way I did.

Q. Your shot of the day?

TONY FINAU: Ooh, shot of the day? I hit a really good iron shot on No. 17. It was a really tough par 3 today into the wind 220 yards. I hit a little draw 4-iron right on the green. It's just a hard shot. I would have taken anything dry and to be able to hit it to 30 feet there I thought was a really good shot. I think that putt I made on 15 was nice as well. Those are probably the top two shots I can think of.

Q. After finishing T-2 last year and starting T-2 as well, how is the feeling when you know you got so close last year and now you start very close this year now?

TONY FINAU: Yeah, I think there's just some good mojo after last year. I played really good on Sunday last year to kind of race up the leaderboard and almost catch Jon. This year getting off to a little bit better start, so hopefully continue the good play.

Q. Any plans for the afternoon? Did you bring all the family to the resort?

TONY FINAU: Oh, yeah, my family loves it. We came last year and my wife pretty much is like yeah, I think we'll be attending this one for a lot of years moving forward. So we're back this year, they're all here. I think they had a pool day today and they're probably back at the room. Grab some dinner with them and get ready for tomorrow.

