

ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTE
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TONY FINAU (-10)



Q. Put up a lot of birdies on the card, a few bogeys as well. Just kind of take us through how your round went.

TONY FINAU: Yeah, I was really happy with it. Didn't get off to a very good start, couple bogeys in the first three holes. But I knew the golf course was going to yield some birdies if I just stayed patient, so that's -- I just stayed patient.

And I was able to make a nice little run there through the middle of the front nine, the middle of the back nine. Yeah, I made some nice birdies after the -- after the delay, you never know. You go back out there, you don't know exactly how the conditions are going to be and you don't know how much slower the greens are going to be with the moisture. So it was nice to make a few birdies even after the delay.

Q. What were those conditions that you felt?

TONY FINAU: Soft, just like I expected, and the greens were just slightly slower, as you would expect. Again, just the unknown sometimes is a little bit, you know, sketchy when you get back out there, but we managed pretty well.

Q. Is that what you're hoping for when you go back out?

TONY FINAU: Yeah. You know, it didn't blow too hard, scoring conditions, so I thought that to move up the leaderboard I was going to have to make more than a couple birdies. After the delay I made three, so that was nice.

Q. What hole were you on when the horn blew?

TONY FINAU: We were on 13 green. I hit a nice 6-iron to about three feet, so that was nice. It wasn't a tap-in, so I was kind of thinking about the three-footer while I was in the delay, but I brushed it in and yeah, we were on our way.

Q. So you came out and hit the three-footer?

TONY FINAU: Yeah, that was the first shot I had. I prefer that than hitting the iron shot into that green, so that was nice that they blew the horn after we hit the shot.

Q. I saw you working with Boyd there on the range after the break. Was it anything specific or kind of just some small tweaks?



TONY FINAU: Just small tweaks, things that I'm feeling out there. That's the thing when you do have a little break and you have your coach with you, you're able to run through it a little bit with him and just fine tune some things.

Q. How glad are you to get done and not have to worry about coming back out?

TONY FINAU: Yeah, really happy to be done. I kind of didn't want to come back out after the delay. I was like this is nice, we can just go home and maybe come back in the morning. I am happy that I finished so I don't have to be here too early tomorrow.

Q. How do you like your position? Still don't know where it's going to be, but maybe three or four shots behind.

TONY FINAU: Yeah, I think that's a good spot to be. Last year I was in a similar position I think all week, three to five shots back going into the weekend, something like that.

Again, the golf course is yielding birdies. I have to limit the mistakes I think on the weekend. I made probably a couple too many these first couple days, but if I can do that, I think I'll have a shot.

Q. You got four wins in the last 13 months and I know you defended last month in Detroit. What did you learn from that experience just like handling the different emotions of this week when you come back to a place that you won the last time you were there?

TONY FINAU: Yeah, my game wasn't very sharp. I tried, I tried my best in Detroit and just didn't play well. I just happened to be playing in better form.

Yeah, I don't know, something about this time of year I guess after The Open that has me playing well. I can't put my finger on it, but so far this week it's happening again. It's nice to have a stretch anytime you have a stretch, but seems to be the last couple years my stretches kind of started after The Open.

