

ROUND 2 QUOTES
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TONY FINAU (-9)

Q. Tony, put yourself in contention through two days. Just kind of assess how the day went today.

TONY FINAU: Yeah, it was a nice day. I scored it nicely. I don't know how many fairways I hit, but I feel like I hit enough. Yesterday I didn't hit a lot of fairways. Scored it really nice yesterday, but hit enough fairways today to do some damage. Took Care of the par 5s, which I think is important on both golf courses. It's added up to be in my favor.

Q. Some guys are OK with poa greens, some guys can't stand 'em, you obviously grew up playing them. How do you net out when you come to a place that has poa?

TONY FINAU: You just try to roll it pure and online. I think that's all you learn from playing on these type of greens. Again, I grew up playing on poa greens, so you just understand that sometimes they're just going to bump offline, but it's something we all have to deal with throughout the week. The later you play, the more you probably have to deal with it, but just having the experience I think helps inside, I can know just check mark did I hit a good putt? If the answer's yes, then we just move on.

Q. You talked over there about trying to get stronger. Is the main motivation to help with some of those nagging injuries or was it to find a little bit more distance?

TONY FINAU: Yeah, it was a little bit of both. I wanted to -- I had some lower body injuries over the last couple years that I wanted to really tend to and I was able to do that over the couple months and stay on top of it over these past few months.

Then I wanted to pick up some length. I never had an issue with speed, but for some reason, because of my lower body, my speed has gone down each year out here on Tour. I wanted to clean that up. I know I can swing the club with speed, so training for it in the gym has helped me a lot and I definitely picked up some speed over these last couple tournaments.

Q. I got the sense over just watching you the last couple years, it didn't always look like off the tee you were going at it fully. Is that still kind of the case and maybe your baseline's brought up so you still don't have to really mash at it when you get up to the tee?

TONY FINAU: Yeah, that's exactly right, Paul. I don't need to swing hard. I know I have a lot in the tank, but with the mechanics that I have and the body that I have, there's no reason why I shouldn't be in the low to mid 80s on my stock driver. We're to that now, which is a nice feeling where I don't feel like I have to get on it to get to that speed. It's paid off. And on



a golf course like this, I am able to kind of let it go on some of these holes.

Q. Tony, 10 starts here, you've made five top-10 finishes. What would you say is your comfort level playing here at Torrey Pines?

TONY FINAU: Yeah, this is a place I enjoy coming to. The whole vibe of it, I mean, you've got the beach in the background. I try to look at the beach as often as I can. I try not to hit it in it, but some of those holes out there takes me to a good place.

Overall, always good vibes coming back here. A lot of good finishes, but still looking for that W, so nice to be in contention and have a chance this weekend.

Q. What do you think it will take over the weekend to stay in contention?

TONY FINAU: Yeah, a lot of the same things. Again, I'm scoring the golf ball well. I think I have to hit more fairways over the weekend than I did yesterday at the South, so that will be where my attention's at.

