

#### Q. Nice birdie on the last to get you to 69. Can you just characterize your round today and also as a whole this week?

**TONY FINAU:** Yeah, thanks. It was a nice, nice day out there. I made a nice run on the front nine, I think I did what I needed to do on the first nine holes to put myself in contention. Had some looks coming in, 10, 11, 14, 15, had some putts that really I wouldn't take back. Unfortunately, sometimes they go in and sometimes they don't.

Overall on the week I was very happy with a lot of things. I've been working on some speed, I've been working on my putting. Just a lot of the little things trying to clean up and get sharp for a lot of these weeks. Nice to see some of the work that I've done slowly starting to pay off. It's always a work in progress, but it's nice to have some finishes like this and play some good golf to kind of validate what you're working on.

# Q. You have a lot of strong finishes at Farmers Insurance Open, I think this is your sixth top-10. How bad do you want to break that -- second as your best finish. You're almost there. What's it going to take at this course?

**TONY FINAU:** Yeah. Well, I was hoping on that back nine a couple of those putts would have fallen and maybe it would have been a different story this year. It's a story that early in my career I was knocking a lot and then I was able to rattle off a few over the last few years. Hopefully that's the same case here, I've just got to keep showing up.

### Q. Tony, you have a signature event coming up next week. How do you feel as though your game is shaping up right now?

**TONY FINAU:** Yeah, I think it was really important these last couple weeks for me. I had a nice weekend last weekend at the AmEx and played some solid golf this week. Yesterday's round wasn't my best, but overall I'm happy with again just the progress. I felt a little rusty over the start of the year, but some of that rust is coming off and having a good idea where my game's at leading into next week.

## Q. A signature event, it will be a different format for Pebble this year, smaller field, only two golf courses, Monterey Peninsula being out. How do you envision those two things changing the golf tournament from your perspective?

**TONY FINAU:** Yeah, I haven't played the AT&T for a while, so I'm going in it kind of just looking forward to the new challenge of the week. I've got a good opportunity to play with a good friend of mine, Ryan Smith, which is going to be fun. Pebble is an incredible place. I



haven't been there since the Open in '19, so just looking forward to returning there.

#### Q. I noticed that your swing coach is out there on the range a lot this week as well. Will he be joining you at Pebble, too?

**TONY FINAU:** No, Boyd's not going to make it to Pebble. We did some nice work this week. Again, able to validate some things out there, I hit the ball nicely. I'll just carry that right into next week.

## Q. Having a swing coach at a Tour event with you, are you guys -- how do you balance sharpening things without tinkering too much with your game as you're obviously trying to put together some scores?

**TONY FINAU:** Yeah, Boyd and I have been together almost 10 years so we have a good idea of what we want to do with the golf swing and how I want to feel over it. We know -- we try to understand each other on a level where we know we're being maybe a little too much during tournament week. I'm very transparent with him, I'm very proactive. We have a great line of communication together having been together so long. It's a tricky line, for sure, when you're working on something. But again, I think this week kind of validated some of those things we're working on and I look forward to the challenge next week.

