

ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES
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TONY FINAU (-6)

Q. What was your big takeaway from the day? A couple eagles today, especially on 18.

TONY FINAU: Yeah, that was huge to finish like that, get myself right back in striking distance with 36 to go.

Kind of a sloppy day. Outside of the eagles, kind of a sloppy day, but obviously eagles make up for it pretty fast. To have two eagles kind of on my last seven holes really kept me in the golf tournament, so that was nice to finish that way.

Q. What do you feel like you have to clean up over the weekend?

TONY FINAU: Yeah, no three-putts. I've had a couple over the first couple days, kind of sloppy. Hitting good shots on par 5s to the middle of the green, walking away with par, that's not what you're looking for to try to win a tournament. So I've got to clean that up and hit more fairways.

I feel like I hit a lot of fairways today. Yesterday I didn't hit the driver very good, so subsequently my score wasn't as good. If I can hit the driver nicely on the weekend, I think we can make a run at this.

Q. The guys in the broadcast weren't sure about whether your drive on 18 was purposeful or a mistake. What happened in your estimation?

TONY FINAU: It was a mistake, but it's a mistake now that might turn into sipping purposeful. I'm looking at all the space over there and the angle up the green and I'm thinking, man, maybe this is the place. It's something I'll have to talk about with my caddie over the weekend, maybe that's an area because of how open that is over there. I have a history of hitting in that bunker on 18 and this one is the first time I actually happened to hit left of the bunker and kicks down there and it's in the fairway and shooting straight up the green. That was by accident today, but if I do it the next couple days, then that's probably going to be on purpose.

Q. How about the par-4 10th. That was the hardest par 4 on the PGA TOUR one year ago. What was your strategy? First the tee ball because you laid back and then one of the best irons we've seen this week into that green.

TONY FINAU: Yeah, it was two really nice shots. I hit a bullet draw 3-iron which I knew should be right in front of the water, take that out of play, and another bullet draw 4-iron. It



was the same one I hit on No. 6 so I had similar visions in my head of just hitting the same shot. I was able to do and pull it off and I hit a nice putt to kind of cap it off. That really got me going I think on the back nine once I turned and we had 11 down, 12 down, I know we can start to do some damage. Again, for kind of the sloppiness that it was, it was nice to have a couple eagles and put myself right back in the tournament.

Q. We see the family here. What's the plans for the Finau Fresh crew this evening?

TONY FINAU: Yeah, yeah, Finau Fresh gonna grab some food and just hang out. We'll see what time I tee it off tomorrow and we've got 36 fresh holes to go.

