## ROUND 3 QUICK QUOTES March 30, 2024

## Texas Children's HOUSTON OPEN

## **ALEJANDRO TOSTI (-9)**

Q. Obviously a really strong day from you today, but I noticed a couple times you were kind of grabbing at your left shoulder. Are you dealing with a little bit of injury there or what's --

**ALEJANDRO TOSTI:** I just woke up in the middle of the night with a stiff neck and just couldn't do anything. Tried to take a shower, warm it up, massage it with a golf ball and then showed up here early to get some treatment. You know, it's just really bad deep back there in the neck.

Just couldn't do my backswing, couldn't complete my backswing so I was just trying to get all the power in my hands which created all the misses left, but I found a way to fight the round and be able to finish under par after that bad start on the second hole. But I'm happy to have this opportunity for tomorrow.

Q. Does it surprise you a little bit how well you played just considering how you were feeling or not much?

**ALEJANDRO TOSTI:** The result, it's good definitely. I'll take it. I don't think I played good at all. My best game is yet to come and I'm glad that I made a couple changes beginning of the week and they're working pretty good.

Q. You're no stranger to being in contention and winning tournaments, but kind of your first time being on this stage at the PGA TOUR level. What are you looking forward to most about the opportunity tomorrow to go get your first win?

**ALEJANDRO TOSTI:** It's just the same game, to be honest. I don't tally it as PGA TOUR, I think it's just a golf tournament playing against other humans that are the same as me. I don't think there is a level difference between here and the tours that I've been playing. Of course we have a couple really good players in their best like Scottie, but to be honest, he's playing his game and I'm playing my own against the course. If at the end of the day my game ends up better than his, it will be awesome, but I'm not competing only against him. I'm just happy to have this opportunity and see what the future has.

Q. The 15th hole today, it was only playing 120 yards, the little par 3, but it was the hardest hole today on the course. What made it so difficult even though it was just a little wedge in there?

**ALEJANDRO TOSTI:** You know, the wind, kind of tough to read the wind with the stands around. Then just a green that is elevated and like on top and the pin in the smallest portion



of the green. You know, that's -- I think that's the hardest thing. You're thinking like if you mis-hit a little bit, you're going to any side and it's getting bigger. Yeah, I think that's what it is.

Q. Did you shorten your warmup at all with the injury or was it the same warmup routine?

**ALEJANDRO TOSTI:** It definitely was shorter. I didn't get to hit as many balls and I was hitting like probably 50 percent of my swing trying to test it out.

Q. Were there any moments that you like felt like you played a shot differently than you would have normally played it because of injury or did you --

**ALEJANDRO TOSTI:** The whole day, the whole day, yeah. I was not able to hit a fade because if I pull my hand or my shoulder up, it was hurting so I couldn't do it. I was kind of coming inside keeping my shoulder under my head and hitting draws all day.

