

1st ROUND INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPT: TYRONE VAN ASWEGEN
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Q. Starting on 10 kind of gets your attention. 11, 12 and 13 are pretty good holes out there to get your day started.

TYRONE VAN ASWEGEN: Yeah, they're good starting holes. I scrambled really well on those holes. I wasn't hitting the ball particularly well but I got through those first four holes I think 1-under and I was hitting some miraculous shots out of the trees. Yeah, I was pretty happy to get through there 1-under and then just started holing a bunch of putts today.

Q. That's hard to do on these poa annua greens, they're a little bumpy. I saw a lot of guys miss short ones but you figured them out somehow today, hitting them solid.

TYRONE VAN ASWEGEN: Yeah, I lived here for six or seven years, so I know how to putt on poa annua. It's a different stroke, it's a little different from Palm Springs where everything's smooth and, you know, pure. So it was good. I had a little jab stroke going today and it was working.

Q. Well, keep it going tomorrow. Those greens seem to be a little smoother but a little bigger golf course on the South?

TYRONE VAN ASWEGEN: Definitely, that's the real golf course and looking forward to it.

Q. Have you lived in San Diego or just in southern California?

TYRONE VAN ASWEGEN: Yeah, I lived like 10 minutes away from here.

Q. What part of San Diego?

TYRONE VAN ASWEGEN: Carmel Valley, and yeah, I didn't get to play here that much, but everything's poa annua greens out here.

Q. What made you pick out here to live?

TYRONE VAN ASWEGEN: No real reason. You know, it was good weather, my wife's from Portland, I went to school in Oklahoma, so we're like let's go to San Diego. So we ended up here for six years and we just moved out, moved to Dallas, Texas. But still I've got some good friends out here and, yeah, it feels like home.

Q. How well do you know this course?

TYRONE VAN ASWEGEN: You know, I've played each course probably a handful of times. Not great, but good enough.

Q. Just feeling it today?

TYRONE VAN ASWEGEN: Oh, I'm hitting the ball so poorly and I've just accepted that for now I'm hitting it poorly, but my short game has been just incredible. I'm putting the lights out of it, so it's fun.

Q. On the TOUR you're in your seventh event now. Are you starting to feel a little more comfortable out there?

TYRONE VAN ASWEGEN: Definitely. This year is my first full field event, in Honolulu, so a lot of the bigger players, you know, warming up next to Adam Scott and you've got Phil Mickelson and Tiger Woods here this week, it's different when you grow up watching these guys and now you're playing with them. So I have a lot of respect for those guys and I'm just looking forward to a long career out here.

Q. What do you do to stay calm, or do you have some nerves out there being around those guys?

TYRONE VAN ASWEGEN: Oh, definitely have nerves. You know, there's intimidation, there's nerves, but all you do is, it's so cliché but you've just got to play your game and stick to your routine.

Q. We see some of the newer guys on the first day or two, they're up there on the leaderboard. What do you do to maintain that on Sunday?

TYRONE VAN ASWEGEN: Yeah, that's just experience. The more you're in that position, the better you're going to perform. So last week was important for me, I had a good final round, not great but I managed to maintain my position, and so I think just building, just getting that confidence from building every week.