

Q. How would you classify an even par round today? Was this one of your better even par rounds today?

RICKIE FOWLER: It was a good round after the start. It isn't playing easy out there, especially you have to drive it in the fairway. I feel like I drove it well other than the start and a couple holes coming in. Yeah, not a bad start.

Q. How many drivers were you able to hit out there? It's pretty tight.

RICKIE FOWLER: I don't know off the top of my head. Let's see, I think there's two on the back, and five-ish, five or six.

Q. So even par after being 3 over for your first two is pretty satisfying?

RICKIE FOWLER: Yeah, it's nice to come back after a slow start. Just hit it just a little off line the first two holes, not much. Started on the back nine, 10 and 11, hazards pretty close there on the left, and they're not easy holes if you miss the fairway. So yeah, after the start, good to come back and make birdie on 12. All in all, not a bad day. Like I said, just a couple missed early, first couple holes and then a couple coming in. But was able to make a good par save on 8, so yeah, nice start.

Q. Rickie, you played Congressional last year. How would you compare this course?

RICKIE FOWLER: I mean, it's kind of hard to compare the two being Congressional's a lot more just drivers. Congressional's not really tricked up at all, it's basically just bombs away for the most part.

Here I think there's a lot of good variety on tees, hitting a few 2-irons off tees, 3-woods and drivers. The course is in perfect shape right now. I'm enjoying this week here. I'm looking forward to the next few days, getting a good one in tomorrow. But it is a bit different, it's got a different look. Like I said, I like the variety here.

Q. How much tougher can the course play?

RICKIE FOWLER: The greens were, I thought, a little bit softer this morning than yesterday. They could make this place play as hard as they want to. You could basically, if you just narrowed up some fairways and just firmed up the greens a little bit, you would have basically a U.S. Open breaking out. But there's still some generous driving areas in spots, but there are some tight ones where you have to hit the fairway. I got lucky on 18, had a decent lie and took advantage of that and made birdie from the rough. You'll see this play dry out a little this afternoon, and it will be interesting to see how much kind of water they put

on it to maintain it because it should get pretty crispy tomorrow afternoon.

Q. Rickie, you can prepare for the course. Preparing for the heat, what was it like out there today?

RICKIE FOWLER: It was fine today. It's a lot hotter in this tent right now. Tomorrow afternoon will probably be a bit warmer than the weekend will be. But living in south Florida in the summer this isn't too far off from what I'm used to.