

ROUND 3 INTERVIEW: TONY FINAU
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Q. Tony, well, this was a great third round. Talk me through the second shot and then the birdie on 18.

TONY FINAU: Yeah, I hit a good drive to just to set me up. I hit a 4-iron in, I had about 245 hole. Perfect stock 4-iron for me. Pulled it a little bit, but it was a nice shot. Hit it on the green and took my two-putt birdie. Nice way to finish off a solid round today.

Q. And then you're currently one back heading into tomorrow. Your thoughts, do you like your chances on the South Course on Sunday?

TONY FINAU: I think when you hit it with some length, it's a golf course that you can take advantage of, for sure. Length is I think a big part of playing out here, but so many components go into winning a golf tournament. I'll enjoy this round tonight and look forward to tomorrow.

Q. Quick thoughts on your round today?

TONY FINAU: Yeah, it was a solid round. I think 5 under on the South is a good round of golf. I put myself in position for tomorrow. I had one bogey out there, and anytime you can limit the bogeys on a golf course like Torrey South, I think you can put together a pretty good round, so I was able to do that today.

Q. What were the real keys to the round today?

TONY FINAU: Just driving, driving the ball and, you know, hitting it good but hitting it in the fairway. I think you can only score out here if you hit the ball in the fairway. The rough is long enough to punish you so I think driving has been a big key for me really all week and I'm happy with the position I am going into tomorrow.

Q. What's the mindset going into tomorrow, mate? You're obviously in good position, like you said.

TONY FINAU: Yeah, I think it's a golf course that I can get after it with my length. I'm going to enjoy this round today and reflect on it and see the good things that I've done and do my homework and just get ready for tomorrow. So many components go into winning a golf tournament and I don't want to get ahead of myself, but I like the way I'm playing and look forward to tomorrow.

Q. You say you don't want to get ahead of yourself and I understand that, but you must be excited at the prospect of being there when the whips are cracking?

TONY FINAU: Yeah, it's what you play for, you know? It's what you train for, it's what you practice for. This offseason I feel like my coach and I have done some good things. So to put myself in this situation this early in the season, I'm happy with. Again, I don't want to look too far ahead, but I'm really happy with the position I've put myself in together.

Q. Being in this position, can you pull from your win last year in Puerto Rico and stuff you kind of did there that can help you tomorrow?

TONY FINAU: Yeah. Honestly, that's the only thing I can pull from as I came out with a W there. So reflect on that week and maybe have some good vibes going into tomorrow, for sure.