

TONY FINAU  
LEXI THOMPSON ( -21)

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**Q. I'll start with you, Lexi. How much fun did you have playing in this event this year, the second year, and with Tony for the first time?**

**LEXI THOMPSON:** Yeah, it was a lot of fun. I really enjoyed playing in it last year and it was an honor to be invited to this event. To play with Tony, he played some amazing golf these two days, especially today I think he made five birdies and an eagle and I was just rooting him on over here.

**Q. Being the only woman in this event, a lot of eyes on you wondering how you would play and you held up so well. What do you take away from this event both mentally and physically?**

**LEXI THOMPSON:** Definitely tested my whole game overall. The distance that these guys play, especially in this wind, I was hitting 4-irons, 6-irons, hybrids. It was definitely testing my game, the length of it, that's for sure. I'm not used to hitting those long irons in. But it's mentally tough as well. You know, I have a lot of respect for what they do and how far they play those golf courses and just the amount of talent that they have. It's very impressive.

**Q. And welcome to the QBE Shootout for the first time for you, Tony. What was it like playing in this event for you and teaming up with Lexi?**

**TONY FINAU:** It was an incredible experience. To play alongside Lexi, we had a great time. Lexi just has the "It" factor. I think we talk about it in sports all the time. She's definitely one of those talents, she knows what she's doing out there, so I really enjoyed just watching her up close and playing with her and I was happy to tag along and hit some good shots today. Overall I was really pleased just with our overall game and we had a good time together.

**Q. (No microphone.)**

**LEXI THOMPSON:** Tony played some great golf today and the last three days. It was fun to watch all the guys and to be paired up with Tony.

**Q. I know that better ball, it's even more challenging, how did you handle that today?**

**LEXI THOMPSON:** Yeah, I mean, I could have handled it a little bit better, but overall I like where my game's at. I'm looking forward to some much needed time off right now, definitely a little drained. I just enjoyed the week. But yeah, it was definitely tough for me, especially

in the wind, but I enjoyed it. It was so much fun.

**Q. Tony, I know you talked all week long how the best part of the week is being able to play with Lexi. What did you learn about her this week?**

**TONY FINAU:** Yeah, I've been thinking about it all week, just how impressive she is as a player and as a person. We talk about having the "It" factor in sports and I think she's one of those talents that has it, the whole package. It's no surprise how many times she's won and she'll continue to have more success. So I was happy to tag along this week and see it up close, team up with her and play. So I had a good time, happy to make some birdies today for her to finish our rounds.

**Q. I know you're a big fan of these mixed events. Why do you like them so much?**

**TONY FINAU:** Yeah, I don't get to play a lot of them, I think that's why. Just mix it up a little bit. We're used to playing our own ball all the time, we're used to playing individual tournaments, not really thinking about anybody else. So to have another partner cheering for you and other people, her family members all there cheering for us, it's pretty cool. I enjoy the team atmosphere about the game of golf and hope to play in some international teams alongside her as well.

**Q. Well, speaking of the family members that were in the crowd, so was a lot of fans following you. Six major champions in this field this week including yourself, I have to say the biggest crowds were around your group, a lot of people out here to support you. What does that mean to?**

**LEXI THOMPSON:** It means the world to me, just the support I have with my fans and to support this amazing event for a great cause, I think it just shows how great this event really is and we're just all very honored to just be here and to entertain all these fans.