# ROUND 3 INTERVIEW November 10, 2018



## **RICKIE FOWLER (-10)**

## Q. 10 under and you have to go really low here.

**RICKIE FOWLER:** Yeah, not much wind, so the golf course is playing a bit easier than last year. I just struggled the last two days to kind of get things going. So not what I wanted, but hopefully get a low -- go low tomorrow and try to sneak back up the board.

# Q. This is your second year here. What do you think about this course, El Camaleon?

**RICKIE FOWLER:** I like it, it's a fun golf course to play. You have to drive the ball straight unless you're going to be in the trees or in the hazard. Mayakoba's just a great place to come spend a week and hang out. It's fun they have the tournament here and we've definitely enjoyed it the last two years.

# Q. What do you enjoy about this area?

**RICKIE FOWLER:** Everything, from good food to hanging out on the beach, staying right here, easy to get to the golf course. We never really leave the property. They have everything here for us no matter where you stay, whether it's Rosewood, Fairmount, Banyan Tree. It's just a fun place to hang out for the week.

## Q. Can you say something in Spanish?

**RICKIE FOWLER:** I don't speak -- I mean, thank you to all my fans, gracias. I don't know if I can go too much more than that.

# Q. It's not dangerously hot, is it, or is it just so humid that you can't drink enough water?

**RICKIE FOWLER:** It's not dangerously hot, but if you're not careful or not at least aware of it, it could get dangerous.

#### Q. How many bottles of water do you think you drank?

**RICKIE FOWLER:** Not too many, four or five. I mean, I would say I don't think you could drink enough. You could definitely keep going. We have hydration mix that we put in, so it definitely helps a little extra so you're not just drinking water and helps get some of the vitamins and electrolytes back in.

## Q. Where are you right now with your game?

**RICKIE FOWLER:** I feel pretty good. It should have been a little better the last two days. A little sloppy. I missed a few short ones today that cost me probably at least three shots. I three-putted from like four feet on one hole.

#### Q. What hole was that?

**RICKIE FOWLER: 12.** 

# Q. Jeez. That doesn't help.

**RICKIE FOWLER:** No, but it is what it is. So I'm happy, but I feel like I've been swinging good, just haven't capitalized as much as we would have like to. Should have been in a position for tomorrow to have a shot at it, but a little ways back now. Like last week, it would be nice to put up a low round on Sunday and at least salvage a good finish out of the week.

# Q. Is it a little bit tricky to be mentally sharp as you are in the summer perhaps when you're in sort of the off season/whatever this is and you're here sort of in this working vacation environment?

RICKIE FOWLER: Yeah, I mean, it's nice. It is fun to be able to come down here at Mayakoba and hang out, it's a relaxing week. Played well here last year, so I expected to come down and play well. But definitely coming into the last two weeks, I didn't play a whole lot of golf after Ryder Cup. I was really coming in to try to take advantage and capitalize as much as I could to not -- since we didn't go to Asia and not playing a whole lot in the fall, to have some time off and some sort of an offseason, but trying to take full advantage and get decent finishes out of these two weeks so that when we do pick it up in January, we're not starting so far behind the eight ball. So yeah, it's tough. I mean, for the guys that go through Playoffs, play on a Presidents Cup or Ryder Cup team and kind of the time management in trying to figure out how much or how little you're going to play and then trying to make them count when you do.

#### Q. What's it like playing with Jose?

RICKIE FOWLER: We had a great time. He speaks a lot better -- his English is perfect, so his English is a lot better than my Spanish. We had a great time. It was cool hearing the amount of support that he has being a native player down here. It's great to -- you know, I know he's had quite a bit of success in Mexico, Latin American Tour, and I definitely think he's someone that, you know, given enough starts in the U.S., he can go play with us. I know he struggled a bit today, but he's a solid player.