

RICKIE FOWLER (-9)

Q. All right, Rickie, if we can just get an opening comment on the experience here at the first-ever PGA TOUR tournament in Detroit.

RICKIE FOWLER: It's been a great week. Obviously wish I could have played better, but I think the turnout of the tournament fans, weather -- it got warm -- but for the first event being back here in Detroit, I think everyone at Quicken Loans, Rocket Mortgage, they've all done a great job. It's fun to be partnered up with them and help host this event.

The fans have been amazing, especially to me, but I've heard a lot of stories from other players out here that they've been super appreciative of everyone being up here to support the event and to be here in Detroit.

So I think all in all, a success, very successful week, and looking forward to making year two even better.

Q. You've been stretched in a thousand different directions and yet you are here on the final day putting up good numbers throughout the week. When you leave here after you face plant and catch your breath, what will you take away from this tournament and tell guys that maybe weren't here?

RICKIE FOWLER: Like I said, it's been a really fun week. Yeah, I have more obligations than other guys throughout the week here, but for me, I mean, seeing what Rocket Mortgage and Quicken Loans, what they're doing in the city of Detroit and surrounding areas, it's great to be able to help out and see a real change in a city.

No, I've been soaking it up as the week's gone on. Unfortunately, I have shoots the next two days at home, so I've got two full days ahead of me after this. So I won't really be able to fully face plant yet, so we'll go knock those out. It will be nice to be back in our own bed.

But yeah, like I said, two work days ahead and then I'll get a couple days to relax and then right back to practice and get ready to leave for the Scottish Open.

Q. You've been such a big part of this all week long, and other guys as well. What do you think is an important thing to help -- obviously this is the first year, as you said, a success, but to get this tournament to getting better year in and year out?

RICKIE FOWLER: I think a big part of this week, the players that were here, I think the appreciation that the fans were showing. I think players talking about this event and going forward, I feel like everyone felt very welcomed here. The fans were super energetic, but it

wasn't like they were out there ripping on guys or taking them down. They enjoyed seeing good golf.

I think this golf course is great for that. You drive the ball well, you can make a lot of birdies out here. So it's not a golf course that's just going to -- you know, it's not a grind. Obviously if you don't drive it well, it's going to be a little bit of a struggle, but it's a fun golf course to play. Like I said, it allows for that offense.

And then on top of that, the fans, I think that was a big part of it. Hearing a lot of the kind of positive vibes from players, the feelings that they got from the fans this week.

Q. You have a couple weeks, here comes the majors on your schedule and to finish the year off. You played well enough to, I think, at least position yourself. Your game's got to be feeling pretty good at this point?

RICKIE FOWLER: Yeah, I feel good. This weekend wasn't what we wanted. I wanted to be up there and have a chance, or at least get a good finish out of it. But yeah, really close to being good right now. I'm happy with where everything's at, just need to tighten a few things up. We'll get a little work in at home, get some practice in, be ready to go to play the Scottish Open. That's definitely a week I look at as I've won it before, but it's also a great kind of prep and tune-up going into the British Open. Tighten a few things up and in a really good spot.

Q. Rickie, growing this event going forward, what's the key?

RICKIE FOWLER: I mean, first year was a huge success here. Obviously strength of field is a nice thing to continue to get better, but I feel like as a first year being in Detroit, strength of field was great. We had a lot of good players here, some of the best players in the world, and I think you're seeing the quality of top to bottom of what the PGA TOUR is. Guys that -- names you may not have heard a whole lot, there's probably not lot of people who know of Nate Lashley. I certainly do, he's a great player. All these guys out here are.

I think, like I said, first year's a huge success and we're going to look to make year two even better.