

**RICKIE FOWLER ( -6)**

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**Q. Rickie, slow start today, really came on at the end there obviously to make the weekend. How would you assess kind of that back nine after the slow start?**

**RICKIE FOWLER:** I mean, I was hitting a lot of good putts that weren't going in, just a little off off the tee, so I just got out of position a couple times. You know, you can make a lot of birdies on the front nine as well as the whole golf course, but you've got to put yourself in the right position. So that was really the reason to turn at 2 over, just got out of position a few times and didn't have a putt go in. Knew I needed to jump on the horse and get things going, so made a few better swings on the back nine.

It is what it is. It's nice to finally have a Saturday tee time. I'm kind of sick and tired of taking weekends off, so I really wasn't looking forward to that. Needed a little back nine action. We got it done.

**Q. Do you look back to like yesterday's round where you played well and when you're making that turn saying, "I know I can do this, I did it yesterday"?**

**RICKIE FOWLER:** Yeah. I mean, really looking at all the events from Colonial to Hilton Head, had a lot of really good stuff. It's typically like a nine-hole stretch where maybe a few putts don't go in or you just get going the wrong direction and you kind of dig a little bit too big of a hole to get out of. Luckily, I was not -- I didn't dig too deep of a hole, so I was able to get out.

Yeah, everything's been getting better and better. Yesterday could have been a lot better than it was, but happy with the progress we're making. Like I said, Saturday tee time's a good thing. It's a pretty bunched up leaderboard. Go put together a good one tomorrow morning and we're right back in it.

**Q. Lots of low rounds. Guys have really used moving day in the first three events to kind of move up a little bit and get themselves into contention. Do you feel like you have that low one tomorrow, do the exact same thing?**

**RICKIE FOWLER:** Yeah, definitely, especially after yesterday, today, just come back today. But it's nice to have the putter back working how I want it to, starting the ball where I want. This afternoon obviously they were a little bumpy. Webb made plenty of putts, I was watching those go in and mine were missing, so that's just the way it's going to be. So looking forward to fresh greens tomorrow, and tee to green I'll clean a few things up, but I know I can go get a low one.

**Q. Obviously Detroit's a big sports city and it's been kind of deprived of a major sporting event for about three and a half, four months just like most of the country has been. Even though there's no fans, what does it feel like to play in Detroit, in such a great sports city?**

**RICKIE FOWLER:** Yeah, I mean, we have a handful of fans around the golf course since the perimeter of the golf course is surrounded by houses and you feel the love and support. I know the people wish that they could be out here. We as players wish they could be out here with us, too.

Yeah, it is unfortunate because this is one of the great sporting towns of the country, some really passionate people up here. We've seen it through social media and with everything Rocket Mortgage has done, but hopefully we'll be back to normal next year.