

**RICKIE FOWLER (-14)**

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**Q. Rickie, how would you assess your week?**

**RICKIE FOWLER:** It's nice to actually play on the weekend, so that was obviously one of the goals coming in after missing the first two cuts just by a shot or two here or there. happy to make the weekend.

It would have been nice to play a little bit better Friday and be in a better position, but needed a few more putts to drop, especially over the weekend, but happy with my ball-striking. I continue to get better, so I definitely feel like I'm in a good spot and excited for the next two weeks at Muirfield.

**Q. The work you put in with JT, you saw the progression maybe as the week went along?**

**RICKIE FOWLER:** Yeah. I mean, you can look at it day to day, week to week, month to month and you just keep getting more and more comfortable seeing the results. So some of it is mental and just the trust process of knowing I'm doing things how I should be, but it is a little different feeling, so still adjusting to that. Like I said, I'm happy with my ball-striking over the weekend and it would have been nice to have a few more putts go in, but I'm happy.

**Q. What was maybe different today than, say, Friday with your game?**

**RICKIE FOWLER:** Just kind of consistency. I made more putts -- sorry, Thursday I made more putts, Friday I made nothing and kind of reflected score-wise. I would say over the weekend I definitely drove it better, iron play was good. I think both days, I mean, as far as strokes gained approach is a spot that I've wanted to improve, but obviously with that, to make that difference, you've also got to be playing from the fairway. It doesn't help if you're driving it poorly. So it's kind of a combo, drive it better and then iron play to be a bit tighter. I feel like we're in a lot better spot over the weekend and, like I said, just didn't make as many putts as I am used to.

**Q. You've had some success at Muirfield Village, always had some good rounds there. What are you looking forward to going into those two weeks at the same golf course?**

**RICKIE FOWLER:** I'm excited with how I've been striking the ball iron-wise. Drove it nicely today, that's something we're seeing improvements on. It's very much a second-shot golf course. You've still got to be -- you can't let your mind wander off the tee. It is forgiving on some holes, but you've still got to be playing from the fairway out there.

So I feel like I can -- if I can get the ball in play after seeing success and some improvements in driving over the weekend and just being able to go have some fun with irons, the biggest thing for me right now is just waiting for some more putts to go in. Finally got the putter back where I want it, hitting putts online. I just struggled a little bit with lines and pace this weekend.