

TONY FINAU (-9)

Q. Seven birdies today. I know it wasn't the finish that you wanted, but how would you assess your round?

TONY FINAU: It was good. I had a good look there on the fairway on 18. Man, it was unfortunate I hit in an old divot so I kind of had to get a little steeper than I wanted to on the shot. I hit it really good and I thought 3 maybe would have had Patrick -- something for Patrick to look at, and Viktor. I didn't want to shy away from that shot. I hit a good shot and just came up a little bit short.

As far as the week's concerned, I was able to ride that momentum from last week with the game and give myself a chance this week.

Q. Speaking of being in contention, the last few weeks playing really, really great golf, you still haven't finished outside of the top 25 at Torrey Pines in all of your appearances here. What sort of confidence are you taking from all these great appearances to your next Tour stop?

TONY FINAU: Yeah, I think the golf course is one that favors I think guys that hit it with some length, hit it with some height, you're able to put some short irons in guys' hands, so I played it well. It was more just my form I think coming in than the golf course. My game's in top form and I'm looking forward to just this next run that I have coming up.

Q. Tony, what did you hit on 18?

TONY FINAU: I hit a 3-iron. It was 243 to the hole, 237 covering onto the green, which it was actually just a perfect number. So I hit it right at it, hit a really good shot, but like I said, my ball was barely in an old divot, a quarter of the ball sitting down just enough to -- I hit down on it a little harder to make sure I got it out of there and it kind of ballooned on me, and it was sad to see it go in the water because I hit such a good shot.

Q. What are you looking forward to most next week, going back to a place where you've had success and you're familiar with or the fact that there's going to be some number of fans finally on Tour after a long time?

TONY FINAU: Yeah, I'm skipping Waste Management next week, I'm going to be playing European Tour next week, so I'll be over there playing. Next time I'll be on the PGA TOUR will be in L.A., so I look forward to Riviera here in a couple weeks.

Q. Did you have a chance to see what happened with Patrick yesterday?

TONY FINAU: Yeah, I did.

Q. Have you ever been in a situation like that before?

TONY FINAU: I've never been in a situation like that. You know, it's a fickle game we play these days with cameras following us around every shot, so I know the Tour and Patrick looked at the video and whatever comes of it will.

Q. Were you okay with the ruling?

TONY FINAU: Yeah, at the present time, the circumstances they were in, I think all the procedures that they went through were proper. The official deemed that it was an embedded golf ball, so he took his club length and took relief.