

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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TOMMY FLEETWOOD (-4)



Q. Tommy, what seemed to go well for you today? Just assess your round.

TOMMY FLEETWOOD: Just really happy. I was 1 over through five. Made a bogey on 5, which is very easy done. I had a really good stretch through the middle of the round where I hit a lot of good drives, hit some good iron shots, a chip-in eagle. I felt like I was doing a lot of things well, and when I did put it in play my iron shots, it's not that they were like -- I wasn't hitting it really close, but I was making it very stress-free, I was hitting good shots. Overall, just sort of put like a solid round together and really happy with minus 4.

Q. You took a couple weeks off if I'm not mistaken. Did you work on anything during those couple weeks?

TOMMY FLEETWOOD: No. Like I said, I was just really happy to go home. Everything feels great when you're home. And I haven't been home for a long time. So, I just really enjoyed it.

I continued to work on the things I've been working on and trying to get better at that. And the game's funny; sometimes you feel like you're doing so many things well, but you can't seem to like get a good score, and there's weeks where you feel like you played well and you come off and you've finished like third or fourth, and that's just the way the game is. I feel like I'm doing a lot of good things and I'm doing the right things and I just have to keep kicking on and hopefully more good results will come.

Q. You play these hard golf courses very well.

TOMMY FLEETWOOD: That's true.

Q. I mean, why is it that you enjoy harder golf courses, the ones where you have to shoot 16, 18 under par?

TOMMY FLEETWOOD: I don't know whether I enjoy them more, I'm not that sick. Yeah, I enjoy the game of golf and I think there's plenty of demanding golf courses on tour, and I think the standard of golf these days and the amount of players that are playing at such a high standard, so you get to these hard golf courses and you still have to shoot a score, but you get to the ones that are scorable and you have to go so, so low. I don't know. I enjoy the challenges the major championships bring. This is a major championship golf course and it's not given me a lot of love really the two times I've played it, but hopefully we can change that this week. To be at the top of the game, to get there, the toughest tests are a lot of times where you need to do well and prove yourself and that's where we all want to be.

Q. Have you played Kiawah?

TOMMY FLEETWOOD: No.

Q. Will you go to Kiawah before the week?

TOMMY FLEETWOOD: I don't think so. I'll probably turn up there like the Sunday before like I normally do at a major and go from there. I remember watching. But no, as of yet, I haven't been there, but I only hear like good things about it.