

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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MARIO TIZIANI (-5)

Q. So just talk me through 5 under. That's a solid day today.

MARIO TIZIANI: Yeah, thank you, yeah. Not much on the front, a birdie and a bogey. You know, I made a putt on 1, I made a nice eagle putt on 4, a pretty good putt on 5 and I finished off with a 10-footer on the last hole. So it was all on the back nine mostly. It actually all was. I played well.

I'm still fighting nerves and just trying to feel comfortable. I'm just not. Not any shot did I feel really that comfortable, so it's still a challenge, but it's fun to be out here and it's fun to have some results when the heat's on.

Q. I was going to say, is it nice to kind of see a really nice number go up there?

MARIO TIZIANI: Yeah, for sure. And I'm feeling more comfortable all the time. Again, I've only played five events this year. I hadn't played for 11 years before that competitively, so I'm starting to feel comfortable, I'm starting to get some results feeling uncomfortable, so that's gratifying. So it tells me I'm doing the right stuff and hopefully we can continue.

Q. How busy is this week for you with like Strick and trying to play and all that?

MARIO TIZIANI: Yeah, it's super busy. I'm still motivated to keep him so he can concentrate on golf even though it's really hard, and then I'm having to do that for myself, too. So it's a balance. I feel like so far, so good. We'll get through this week and then on to next week.

Q. What's it like having Bobbi?

MARIO TIZIANI: It's great. Having her is calming for me. We laugh, she doesn't take herself too seriously, so we laugh when she calculates wrong, so it's nice to have her here.