ROUND 3 INTERVIEW JULY 30, 2022



TONY FINAU (-21)

Q. Tony, great playing today. If we could just get an opening comment on the round as you enter the final round tied for the lead.

TONY FINAU: Yeah, it was nice. No bogeys up to this point on the scorecard in the tournament, which is nice. I think it's a golf course that yields some birdies. You'll have some looks, but to not make any mistakes to this point is nice and I think that's the main reason I've kind of found myself on top of the leaderboard.

Q. Dating back to Sunday at the 3M, that's 70 holes in a row. I don't know if you ever count things like that. Have you ever had that long a stretch without a bogey at any level of golf?

TONY FINAU: Well, I bogeyed the last hole on Sunday, so I don't think that counts. I guess if we're just skipping right over that, then yeah, 54, a clean 54 holes is really nice. Taylor's playing some great golf. I can't say pulled away from the guys, this is the type of golf course where someone can shoot 8, 9, 10 under, but if we put together a good round tomorrow, might be a two-man race and I'm looking forward to the challenge again.

Q. You always have the distance with the driver, but second in driving accuracy this week. How much is that helping you do what you've been doing?

TONY FINAU: Yeah, I think that's a big reason I've been hitting so many greens. I'm just hitting a lot more fairways than I'm accustomed to or than I have in the past. This golf course really opens up to you if you hit it in the short grass and it definitely has for me these first three rounds.

Q. Kind of a fun day back and forth with Taylor, you guys are playing great. Seems like just a lot of fun when you're in that position, right?

TONY FINAU: Yeah, no doubt. It had a nice feel to it, a lot of energy from the crowd and both played some solid golf and kind of feeding off each other. It was nice to have that type of energy and looks like we'll run it back tomorrow.

Q. What about sort of just the back and forth of it? On 3 where it looked like he would be the more likely one to make the birdie, you sort of steal that hole. Then he finds a cart path, he's in the rough on 4 and he's able to pick a stroke back up on you.

TONY FINAU: Yeah, that's golf. It's almost like a match play situation where we kind of flipped the script there on each other in the beginning. Yeah, I think we both have done a



great job up to this point through 54 holes of maintaining our composure and playing good golf. It was nice to have him as a playing partner today and we'll have him again tomorrow.

Q. I just was curious when you talk about not making bogeys through 54 holes, it just seems like a carryover from last week and yet it's almost another (inaudible) for you. Accurate? Are you playing better than you were last week?

TONY FINAU: Yeah, probably. I think I'm hitting a lot more greens even than I did last week. I feel like I hit it as good as I've hit it from tee to green last week, so I think I've definitely elevated that part of the game. It's nice to capitalize on some of the putts. I always say I'm making enough putts. Missed some, but I'm making enough to be right there and have a chance to win tomorrow.

Q. So what's the plan for tonight? Do you do anything differently, keep it usual, and what have you been doing sort of after your rounds this week?

TONY FINAU: Yeah, nothing really changes no matter how I'm playing. I'm going to grab a little food, probably do a little practice after this, grab a little food, talk to my kids and get some rest. We've got a long morning again just like we did today. They told us we're going to have around the same tee time tomorrow, it's going to be another late one. There's a lot of time in between rounds but I don't mind it.

Q. How do you like the late rounds, the late tee times?

TONY FINAU: Well, I love them on the weekend, that means you're playing good, that means you have a chance to win. I would say I'm more of an afternoon guy in general. I usually like to sleep in, but yeah, it's nice to be able to sleep in. I'll be able to do that tomorrow.

