

**ROUND 2 INTERVIEW**  
**January 26, 2023**



**TANO GOYA ( -7)**

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**Q. Just open up with some comments about 5 under today on the North Course. What were you liking?**

**TANO GOYA:** Yeah, it was tough out there today. Wind started picking up. You know, some tees are not easy to hit from with this wind, the rough is pretty thick out there. But I kept it a lot in the fairway today. My scrambling was great, to be honest. Yeah, did a great job.

**Q. Tournament debut, what have you seen or known about this course prior to this week with the quick turnaround?**

**TANO GOYA:** Coming to this week I worked a lot with my coach, Jose. He's been caddie on Tour for eight years, nine years on the PGA TOUR and he gave me a lot of good pointers.

I think being patient is key. It's a -- I knew it was going to be tough out there. I was going to maybe miss a lot of greens and you have to be patient. But as long as you're on the right sides, and sometimes it's a little bit easier to make up-and-downs. I think scrambling was key for me this week so far, but also I hit it great off the tee so gave myself really good opportunities.

**Q. How difficult was it gauging the wind and just dealing with the wind today and how does this kind of compare to other wind rounds that you've played?**

**TANO GOYA:** I mean, to be honest with you, I've been playing Europe for 11 years. I think that helped me a lot. It's a lot of rounds where you play with a lot of wind, especially when you play in the islands. That helped me a lot. Also living in Florida where you can get a lot of wind.

I like to hit it low and trying to work a lot on the distances with my Facu, my caddie, that was key. You know, we missed some greens today, I wasn't on the right side. On No. 12 I was short in the right, but I knew I had a chance there and I made it. Just the keys for me is patience and keep grinding, keep working. For me it's a learning curve on the PGA TOUR, my first year, so I have a lot to take off from that and just keep working on my game.

**Q. You having played in Europe as much as you have, this was a strong wind, but what do you remember most about some wind rounds that you played over there? Was there any couple that just really stand out?**



**TANO GOYA:** I mean, always playing in the Dunhill Links has always been a challenge because 90 percent of the time you're going to have like windy days and it's really windy when it blows there on the islands.

I remember playing my first major in St. Andrews in 2010, it was so windy. Learning to hit it really low and chasing it and keep the drives low as well, hitting like fairway finders. Doesn't matter how long you go, as long as you're on the short grass here, you're safe. So that was for me my main focus is today.

**Q. It was interesting because Rahm made most of his fairways, too. Just seems like a big, big key for the week obviously because of the rough, but also for today.**

**TANO GOYA:** Yeah, definitely. I mean, for me, helped me a lot being in the short grass today. A lot of holes where you have a crosswind and it's kind of tough. When I missed fairways, it was like, well, OK, just try to make the most of it, hit it as close to the green as you can. Managed to make a lot of up-and-downs today which kept my momentum going.

**Q. It's interesting that you making your first start here with this strange wind, the Santa Ana wind is not this usual wind here coming off the ocean. Did you guys have to think about that, that you kind of expect it to come in from the ocean when you got here?**

**TANO GOYA:** Yeah, coming to this week especially like two days ago I think it was expecting to have a really windy day today. I looked at the forecast and then we were expecting this, so we worked a little with my coach, with Facu yesterday night looking at the pins today and how the holes were going to play. So I got a good idea, but I wasn't expecting to be this strong of a wind. Yeah, I mean, we did a great job I think keeping the right places, working good with the numbers and hit a lot of fairways, which was the key really.

**Q. First off, what's your caddie's name?**

**TANO GOYA:** Facundo is my caddie's name.

**Q. We've noticed that you guys kind of match. What's kind of the story about that?**

**TANO GOYA:** We started working with Full Wedge company last year on the Korn Ferry and they're great shirts. Funky, sometimes they're quirky shirts. At the beginning, started thinking about which one we were going to wear and just not to match, but at some point we were like, why don't we just match and it can make something out of it.

Then we started doing it consistently. Obviously this week it was tough because we're wearing jumpers so it's not standing out. Then whenever we don't match, people start asking, so it's kind of a thing now.



**Q. Did you take some joking about it from other players --**

**TANO GOYA:** Yes.

**Q. -- when you guys first started matching?**

**TANO GOYA:** Yeah, some make jokes. But we like it, it's a thing for us. We're really good friends and we've been pretty much staying every week together and we bond really well. For us it's a thing we're going to keep going. I think Full Wedge likes it as well. We just try to have fun out there every day in the tournament, so it's a great thing.

**Q. Can you spell your caddie's first and last name?**

**TANO GOYA:** First name is F-A-C-U-N-D-O, Facundo, and last name is Delapenna, D-E-L-A-P-E-N-N-A.

