

**ROUND 2 INTERVIEW**  
**August 12, 2023**

**TIM O'NEAL (-8)**



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**Q. Tim, just to start, tell us about your round and what was going well for you.**

**TIM O'NEAL:** Well, typically I don't read poa annua greens that well, but I'm just starting to make some putts. I'm hitting some greens and then putts are going in, so that's pretty much the gist of it. Just trying to stay patient on the greens and hopefully they go in.

**Q. Were you watching the leaderboards today and seeing -- no?**

**TIM O'NEAL:** No, I don't typically leaderboard watch. You know, just kind of play my game and whatever happens, happens.

**Q. Did you see this coming with your overall game coming in here?**

**TIM O'NEAL:** Yeah. I mean, golf's hard and I feel like I've been playing well but haven't been getting anything out of my round. You know, the short game, just not making any putts. But like I said, so far I've been making some putts, so that's where I'm at.

**Q. You have a good chance to maybe get your best finish on this tour tomorrow. How excited are you to play tomorrow's round?**

**TIM O'NEAL:** Yeah, I mean, only thing I can do is go out there and try and play the best I can and, you know, if I have a good finish, have a good finish.

But yeah, just try not to think about that and just play the best golf that I can.

**Q. How much does your length help on this golf course?**

**TIM O'NEAL:** It helps. I mean, you still have to hit it straight, but yeah, it definitely helps. But you've still got to make putts, too.

**Q. It seemed like the putt on 9, I mean, you had two straight birdies, you had a 10-footer you have to make on 9 to save par. Does that keep the momentum going?**

**TIM O'NEAL:** Oh, absolutely. I've had a few of those today and yesterday where I had some momentum putts for par and was able to make them. That's been the key for me this week is I've been making some putts.

**Q. That birdie putt wasn't that easy on the last hole, right?**

**TIM O'NEAL:** No. These greens are hard to read for me. If I don't see any break, I just try to play it straight and just hope I hit a solid putt.

**Q. Going into tomorrow, will you not think about a high finish, will you just go for the win?**

**TIM O'NEAL:** I'm just going to go out there and try to play the best I can. Yeah, you try to put that out of your mind. Yes, I'd like to win, but I don't want to go out there and shoot 85, either. I'm just going to go out there and just play (inaudible).

**Q. So Fred Couples is one of your favorite athletes to watch, I read that in your bio.**

**TIM O'NEAL:** Yeah, yes.

**Q. You have a good chance to be possibly ahead of the hometown favorite going into the final round. What do you think of that?**

**TIM O'NEAL:** Well, it would be my first time, so I'll take 'em wherever I can get 'em.