

ROUND 2 QUOTES
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MARIO TIZIANI (-1)

Q. Well, not as nice a day to finish a round as it was yesterday, and not as nice a finish as it was yesterday. We wanted to ask about yesterday first because by the time we saw your scorecard you were gone, but if that was as rollercoaster of nine holes as I've ever seen anyone shoot.

MARIO TIZIANI: It was. I'm not sure I've ever done that. I made one par on the last hole. Yeah, I kind of got it back and you saw it, then the double and got it back, made bogey and then finished strong. It was nice to kind of leave the golf course happy.

Today I played fine, I just didn't really make anything at all today. Actually hit some decent putts, but yeah, they just didn't go in. It's OK, get a good one tomorrow.

Q. Lot less rollercoastery today.

MARIO TIZIANI: Yeah, that was actually -- I didn't sleep great last night, I was surprised because I thought I would sleep better having the rollercoaster round that I had.

Q. Tim O'Neal's been near the lead here or at the lead. You played a fair amount with him, you're kind of in that same category. What can you tell us about him and his potential out here?

MARIO TIZIANI: Great player, hits it a long ways, hits it solid. He's had a bunch of good weeks, he knows how to play and compete. He's won at -- he's won a lot of tournaments throughout his career. Yeah, he's got a high octane game, he hits it far. This is a good course for him. If he hits it straight, he's going to be tough.

Q. As far as you for tomorrow, with what you did yesterday nine holes, I mean, you know that it's out there.

MARIO TIZIANI: Yeah.

Q. What has to happen and what can you do to finish out the week?

MARIO TIZIANI: Yeah, a great round and see what happens, you know. I'm playing fine, I expect to play well tomorrow. If I can get something 5, 6, 7 under, that would be awesome, it would be a great finish. Take a week off and get ready for hopefully Dick's and then Senior Open.

Q. As far as Ernie, he's in the lead right now, won last week. He's the kind of guy if he

gets onto something, he gets on a roll, he really --

MARIO TIZIANI: Super tough, yeah. He's elite out here. We talked about it before, there's guys that just know how to do it, they know how to handle themselves. We all know Ernie's a guy with no cape, but he's my hero.

Q. Do you (inaudible) on a week like this when everybody's home and --

MARIO TIZIANI: Not a ton. I see him a little bit here and there. He's got his things to do. But we're going to celebrate mom's 80th tonight. She turns 80 on Monday, so we're going to have a barbecue.

Q. Wait, your mom?

MARIO TIZIANI: My mom.

Q. Really?

MARIO TIZIANI: Yeah, yeah. We're fired up.

Q. The last time on this course tomorrow and then the big move next year. Excited about next year?

MARIO TIZIANI: Yeah, I am excited. I'm excited to see how it plays. I think people fell in love with this course. It can hold its own, you can kind of see that. Good scores are out there, but if you don't play well, like you really can't fake it around here for three days, maybe one. But I think this is a great test and I think we'll get another one at TPC. I think there are some guys that are disappointed because we just don't like change, right? At our core nobody likes change, but I think they'll love it and we're looking forward to it.