

NATIONWIDE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL CHAMPIONSHIP

ROUND 1 QUOTES
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TANO GOYA (-5)

Q. Tano, 66 to start the week, great playing. What was clicking for you today?

TANO GOYA: Yeah, I feel like obviously played great on the greens, putted great today and feel very comfortable on the greens. I think I managed to stay very in the present today. It's a tough course, greens are getting super firm and sometimes when you miss a green it can be very easy to make bogeys, but I managed to stay in the present to make a lot of good recoveries and great putts, so I'm very happy with it.

Q. Is there anything Tuesday, Wednesday that you focused on in your preparation?

TANO GOYA: I feel like I played a couple years ago and so I got a little bit of feeling Tuesday when I played here. It's similar in the conditions that we played. My focus was again like on the greens, getting the pace on the greens and trying to match the pace with the lines, and for me it's key here. As I said, it's very important to make putts, so I think I did a very good job of that.

Q. You mentioned staying more present. What do you do to stay more present? What type of mental tools can you use?

TANO GOYA: I had my girlfriend on the bag again for three weeks and having her on the bag is great. We just chat and talk about whatever and she helps me a lot staying present, staying focused. I don't get ahead of myself. It's easy sometimes when you're playing good, but today we did a great job.

Q. Obviously you stay one shot at a time, but you're in a unique situation where you're good for next week but you need a super high finish to move into the Top 30 one of the next two weeks. Does it incline you to play a little bit more aggressive?

TANO GOYA: Yeah, I think so. I mean, we were talking about it even last week. For me the math is pretty simple, I have to have a very good finish in the next couple weeks, so for me it's all or nothing.

As you said, I'm guaranteed for next week and next season, but I really want to get on the PGA TOUR again. Last year I had a great time there and unfortunately I couldn't keep my card, but I want to go back there so I'm going to give it everything this week and next week.

