

ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES

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RICKIE FOWLER (-14)

Q. Put yourself in contention through two days. What have you liked about your game so far?

RICKIE FOWLER: I would say a little bit of everything. I wouldn't say there's a specific part of the game that has either held me back or pushed me forward. Everything's been fairly solid.

I will say I've done a good job, you know, sometimes on the greens especially over at Pebble can get a little bouncy on the Poa. Spy typically rolls quite a bit better. I've done a good job of just committing and hitting a lot of good putts.

So for soft conditions, both the greens here at Spy and as well playing towards the back end of the wave yesterday, I felt the greens held up nicely. Yeah, especially when we get weather like this after we got through some of the rain, this is just a fun part of the world to be in.

Q. Gained almost five strokes on approach today, so at least statistically that would be pointing towards what worked best. Just kind of comment on how the ball-striking has felt this week and this season.

RICKIE FOWLER: Yeah, I felt like I did a good job keeping things simple. The soft conditions definitely make it a little more possible when playing from the rough in certain areas. Not that I was ever too far off line, but a couple times it wasn't -- it didn't feel like it was as much of a premium that I needed to be in the fairway, especially in situations where there might have been a back pin or something like that.

Sometimes the rough can be a little bit of a benefit in not having to worry with the ball spinning. So obviously we did a good job whether we were in the fairway or rough kind of managing or executing and hitting good shots.

There were some poor ones, but yeah, the good ones definitely outweighed. Yeah, I'd say it is nice to hear the strokes gained on approach, definitely an area where when I have played some of my best, that's usually a spot that needs to be good.

Q. A couple top-20s to start the season and now into this. Has it felt like you're just continuing kind of the positive momentum you had at the end of last year or anything that you kind of point to for the start that you're having?

RICKIE FOWLER: I mean, my body and shoulder feel a lot better than it did last year. So it

was nice to be able to play the way I did during the summer and grind that out, ultimately get inside the top-50 to kind of secure some starts for the year.

So to have that time off to kind of rest, work on some things, be a dad at home, I enjoy it. I was excited to get back out. It was definitely nice to see some solid golf at AmEx, went bogey free for three days over the weekend there. Some more decent, you know, OK finish last week, but it's been good to kind of shake a little bit of the rust off of having some time off and on to a good start here this week.

Q. Is health stuff a big contributor to kind of the bump you saw at the end of last year, summer of last year when preparing for either the start of '25 or end of '24 and now what we're seeing, was that a big contributing factor?

RICKIE FOWLER: Well, I mean, my shoulder was bad all last year so I was just trying to manage and get through as best that I could. I definitely earned the time off with sneaking inside that top-50, so that was a nice bonus.

So that was what I was trying to work towards to, like I said, earn that time off and then be able to get into a position where I could get the body in a better spot and go play this year.

Q. You played here a handful of times in your career. No top top results. Anything that you would attribute that too? Have these courses not normally suited your eye? Just kind of comment on ...

RICKIE FOWLER: No, I mean, I love it up here, especially when we get weather like this. It would be nice if the Sunday weather maybe holds off or isn't as bad as what it might be.

It's a fun place, I really enjoy playing both Spy and Pebble. Yeah, they're tough to beat. Looking forward to getting out there this weekend and continuing some hopefully stress free golf, keep it simple and see if we can get it done.

Q. What's your earliest memory at Pebble playing, or did you come here at all before you were a pro?

RICKIE FOWLER: Never played it prior to being pro that I remember. I feel like I would remember that. We played some high school stuff at Poppy, which is right here.

One of my -- maybe one of my first memories, I caddied for Wahlberg in the U.S. Open Challenge prior to the 2010 U.S. Open. I think we were the -- I say "we" because I was caddying, but I think Mark was the only one to break 100 so got that under my belt.