

ROUND 3 QUICK QUOTES
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TOMMY FLEETWOOD (-14)

Q. I kind of overheard a little bit of that about handling the weather. Maybe you can just repeat your thoughts about I guess embracing it.

TOMMY FLEETWOOD: I think you have to. I'm not saying like the worst day is getting cold and wet and all that, it's like I'm not saying it's enjoyable but you have to accept the conditions for what they are and you have to look forward to playing in it and make the most of it really.

It's just the mindset that you're going to have. We'll see what the conditions bring. It sounds like it's going to be rough but who knows, the weather's been wrong plenty of times.

Yeah, that's just how I think you have to handle it. Whether you play well or not or whether things go your way is a different story. But go in there with the right mindset.

Q. I was hoping you could speak to how different conditions affect the scoring at Pebble. I mean, for non-golfers out there for our readers it's hard to sort of rectify sometimes. Pebble can give up 62s like it did today and sometimes it can be, you know, horribly difficult. How different has it been this week than other times you've seen it?

TOMMY FLEETWOOD: Yeah, I mean the scoring's been amazing today and I don't think it was that easy of a day. I think there was definitely enough demanding shots like not to warrant 62s, but golfers are really, really good.

For sure like different wind directions, different conditions, different strength of wind, I think especially when you get those holes that are on the coastline, you know, it just becomes very tough. I think this week we played a course in a softer condition. You know, it's the start of the year, conditions are soft and there's not much rough up, but like this course, the margin for error with the way that the greens play, how small the greens are, the slopes and the misses and everything, margins are very, very small. So as soon as the wind picks up and as soon as you have that to deal with, it becomes a lot trickier.

Other than that, when it's not there you can actually use that stuff to your advantage and you can work the ball into the holes and stuff. Yeah, similar to links golf. It can play so, so different on any given day between morning and afternoon.

Q. I wanted to ask you why, when Butch was around and he's talking to somebody, they always seem to be laughing.



TOMMY FLEETWOOD: His jokes aren't that good really.

That's part of, that's part of what Butch does really. You know, he believes in -- he believes that you should be having a good time, you should be having the time of your life out here.

No doubt about it, like work hard and do the right things, and he's a perfectionist in so much of what he does, but he also believes in having a great mindset and being happy and feeling good. I think you can see him doing that with everyone.

Q. Did you know he was coming today?

TOMMY FLEETWOOD: Yeah, yeah.

Q. Is it the first time you've seen him this year?

TOMMY FLEETWOOD: No. I saw him in Florida actually before this week, so we were over there together and did some work.

But yeah, he's close by in Vegas and he's got a few of the guys out here playing. He said he was coming over, which is great. It was actually a nice surprise when he told me he was coming over. I didn't think he was going to come this week, but it's great, some extra time, I'll go and hit some balls with him now and stuff.

And especially for me, like we try and work the calendar, over the course of the last three years try and get the time with him when I can and work the calendar that way. So yeah, anytime I get to see him is always great.

Q. One more Pebble question. The U.S. Open comes back here next year. What do you think of this as an Open venue and how it's got to be diametrically different than it is --

TOMMY FLEETWOOD: Well, yeah, I think it's a special, special major venue. Rory said it right when he said it last year when he said it's one of the cathedrals of golf. And of course when the U.S. Open comes around it's a very, very different test in terms of the rough, the speed of the greens, the firmness of the greens. And again, you go back to the margin for errors and the misses. I think it's great because I always feel like a U.S. Open doesn't need to be like a really long brutal golf course. It just needs to be tough and require unbelievable golf and unbelievable accuracy. I think this course is like the epitome of that with the U.S. Open.

Q. Right. I think Graeme won it at even, right?

TOMMY FLEETWOOD: Yeah. And Gary, I think Gary shot a pretty decent number, right? Yeah, he was pretty good. What was it?



Q. Thirteen.

TOMMY FLEETWOOD: Thirteen, oh, wow. Way too easy to be a U.S. Open golf course.

Q. The previous two Opens Tiger was the only one --

(Indiscernible crosstalk.)

Q. Does it feel like a different course really in June for a U.S. Open than it does in February for this?

TOMMY FLEETWOOD: Well, I mean, obviously it's the same course and the visuals are the same and the holes in terms of like position to ball, like the holes are the same in where you want to put it, but you can't miss it in certain areas where you can this week.

And yeah, margin for error is faster, greens very different. You have to think of it more about that and you have to be way more patient in where you have to putt the ball around.

