

The Northern Trust

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Liberty National Golf Club

Tony Finau

Quick Quotes

Q. Would you characterize today?

TONY FINAU: I hit it really, really good and putted it really, really bad is how I would characterize it. We didn't know what would happen as far as weather, and I treated it like a final round and knew what I needed to do coming down the stretch and gave myself some looks and wasn't able to do it. Looks like hopefully we'll be able to play Monday and I've got 18 holes in front of me.

Q. What will you do tomorrow? Unique situation?

TONY FINAU: The course is closed, so I haven't put too much thought into it. Maybe look at another course to practice. But if the weather is what it's supposed to be, then it's going to be an indoor day and a lot of Netflix and reading and eating.

Q. Do you take your putter back to your room?

TONY FINAU: 100 percent. I need to have a talk with it. It needs to wake up. We've got 18 holes to go. We're in the Playoffs.

Q. Will you practice in the room?

TONY FINAU: Yeah, no doubt. I've got a nice smooth piece of car at the time that I can roll on. It's more common I think than you guys would think, guys putting in their room. I've done it many times.

Q. What about chipping in the room?

TONY FINAU: Not as much. I think hallway games, that's probably more like in the hallway where you can chip to things. But for sure the putter is going home with me tonight 4.

Q. When is the last time you played a hallway game?

TONY FINAU: Not that long ago, just a couple years ago I think at the Greenbrier, maybe 2018, Greenbrier. I was in there chipping in the hallway with a couple guys. It's been



a few years.

Q. Chipping on carpet?

TONY FINAU: Yeah, it's a lot harder to chip off carpet because you have to utilize like the bounce. It's hard to get the leading edge underneath the golf ball. I think there's some value in, for sure, chipping off hard pan like that, learning how to use the leading edge.

And conditions like it is, now probably not smart to do that because you don't want to use the leading edge. You want to chip with bounce or you're going to be digging the crap out of the grass. But yeah I'm probably not going to chip, more putt.

Q. Conditions might change on Monday but the 62, 63, does that give you confidence going into Monday that the scores are out there?

TONY FINAU: No. I had a good one yesterday and I could have had a great one today, another low 60s today but the putter, I just hit some good putts that didn't go in and hit some bad putts that obviously didn't go in.

I've got to hit some more better putts to rack up that low one and there's definitely going to be a low one on Monday. So hopefully that's me.

Q. Do you pay attention to where you're projected to be in the FedExCup, stuff like that, at the end of a round, will you go look at it?

TONY FINAU: No. I won't look at where I'm at in the FedExCup, the leaderboard. I didn't see all the guys that are playing well and many contention. I'm kind of a numbers guy, what I mean by that is I like to think 20-under is probably going to have a good chance to win this golf tournament. I think I'm at 14.

So got to shoot probably at least 6-under if we play on Monday to have a chance to win this thing. That's going to be my goal on Monday.

Q. Is it hard not to obsess about stuff like that, like where you are in the FedExCup or Ryder Cup, when you have downtime and you're by yourself?



TONY FINAU: I wouldn't say hard to turn it off. I'm in my seventh season and this is my seventh Playoffs. So I kind of have done I think a good job of just putting it in the back of your mind and just playing. We have 18 holes to try and win this golf tournament.

Winning takes care of everything, so that's kind of where my attention will be, try to shoot a low one on Monday.

Q. What is it you like about Jon Rahm's game?

TONY FINAU: Oh, well, I've said it before, and I'll say it again. I think there's two guys on the PGA TOUR that have a Tiger-esque type game, meaning bulletproof, they can hit it high, low, left-to-right, right-to-left, can chip and putt and really hit any shot, and that's Jon Rahm and J.T. Those are the two guys that I've played with that I think have that Tiger-esque game when they are playing well.

It's always great to watch him play. He played nicely today, a couple timely mistakes on the back but played a great round and he's an amazing player.

Q. What are you watching on Netflix these days?

TONY FINAU: I just finished Virgin River. I'm a romance -- I'm a Rom-Com guy. I'm not scared to say it. Unfortunately, Virgin River, I've caught up, so I have to find something else. I've finished most of the Rom-Coms on Netflix so I'm going to have to find some.

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