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Tony Finau

Quick Quotes

Q. We've done this a lot but not like this. 1,975 days since your win in Puerto Rico. Was today longer than that time? Congratulations.

TONY FINAU: Thanks so much. All I know is I'm a lot different player than I was then. I'm a lot better player and I feel like it's been a long time coming but I also feel like you have to earn everything out here. Nothing's given to you and I was able to earn this win, and you know, hopefully the future continues to be bright.

I'm playing some great golf. We've got two big tournaments in front of me, so I'm going to enjoy this one. I'm playing great golf. I feel like I can go on a run, so why not continue right on to next week.

Q. A lot of hard work by you, your family, your team, everybody. What did it take coming down that back nine?

TONY FINAU: It took everything I had because I knew I had to get to 20-under. I was chasing down the best player in the world. Jon is a good friend but I know what type of game he has. He's not going to let up on a lead. So I knew I was going to have to catch him and eventually pass him, and Cam was playing well. I gave it everything I had. I hit a great putt on 17 I thought was going to go in it would have been nice to have a little cushion on 18 tee.

But this is cool. I've been thinking about that walk up 18 for a long time. It's been years. It's nice to finally have that and now put this second win behind me.

This is extremely special. I thought my first one was going to be my most important one but I actually think this one. It validates the first one but because of how long I've had to wait, I'm a totally different golf player because of how long I've had to wait. Nothing has come easy for me. I've lost in playoffs, taken second, third in, major championships. I've persevered and that's the biggest key is I haven't given up on myself and on my team. I feel like I've got great team behind me and I've got a great wife, family, who supports me. Things are great and now to finally have this



happen again, this is great for my family and for my career.

Q. It's been over five years, 143 starts; you just answered the question you've been asked so many times: What did it take and how does it feel?

TONY FINAU: It took everything I had. I got to No. 10 and I knew I had to get to 20-under. I hit some clutch shots on 18. That's a tough golf hole. But in regulation, we had a 20-minute wait which wasn't ideal but pick a spot and yeah, this is pretty cool.

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