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## Tony Finau

### Press Conference

STEVE TODD: Tony, thanks for joining us. Just give us your reflections on the round after a long trip over here. Thoughts on the week and the round in general.

TONY FINAU: Yeah, thanks. I've enjoyed my time here. A little bittersweet at the moment. I knew I could put some pressure on DJ with going into 16 and made a couple bogeys unfortunately on 16 and 17. But I've enjoyed my week. The golf course is good. Enjoy playing on The European Tour when I have the opportunity and when my schedule allows, and yeah, I'll definitely be back. But I think it was a positive week and one that I'll continue to grow on.

STEVE TODD: Are you encouraged by your game and continuing the top performances so far, give you plenty of optimism for the weeks ahead?

TONY FINAU: Yeah, no question. Really early in the calendar year and a lot of great golf ahead of us. Major championships to look forward to and WGC events. It's nice to have the game in a good place early in the calendar year and get some confidence from that.

But yeah, you know, DJ is obviously a hell of a player. Favourite going into this week. And it was good going toe-to-toe with him there kind of down the stretch and I don't think it will be the last time we're going to run into each other.

**Q. I just wonder how you will look back on this. It's been well documented how you've close you've come so often to winning recently. Is this frustrating or encouraging for you?**

TONY FINAU: I think more encouraging. I was able to make some putts I feel like were big on the back nine, or early on the back nine that gave me a chance. I was floating three or four back going into 11 and knew I was running out of holes to make something happen. I was



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happy I was able to make a run there in the middle of the back nine.

Unfortunately a couple bogeys coming in, but I know how well I'm playing and I've got to just keep positive. If I keep playing at a high level and give myself a chance to win, I just know it's bound to happen. I think I've got to keep encouraged and again as I mentioned, it's really, really early in the calendar year. I'm just happy that I've got a few solid rounds under my belt early in 2021.

**Q. Was there a part of your game that was particularly good or encouraging this week?**

TONY FINAU: Yeah, I drove it really good, and I think from 150 in I was really good. So it took a lot of pressure off my short game and so I think I hit a lot of greens and I actually didn't feel like I putted that well. I did make some putts from range but I didn't putt well enough I feel like from close.

I think at the end of the week, that's what I'm going to look back on as a weakness in my game I need to bet better at to close out some of these tournaments. I have to make some of those putts from a little bit closer.

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