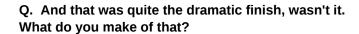
## **Dubai Invitational**

Sunday, January 14, 2024 Dubaii, UAE Dubai Creek Resort

## **Tommy Fleetwood**

**Quick Quotes** 



TOMMY FLEETWOOD: Yeah, it was great. I was very happy with the way I played today for the large majority of the round, felt like I didn't hole some of the putts that I wanted to.

I think it was great watching one of the world's best golfers in Rory, the way that he was playing the back nine, the way that he attacked the back nine. And yeah, just up-and-down towards the end, really. Sloppy bogey on 16 from not that bad of an iron shot, and 17 and 18 were birdies.

Q. What was the key moment for you? He made that birdie on 12 to narrow the gap and bounced back with another birdie for three in a row to go level with a few holes to go. At that point, what was the key for you?

TOMMY FLEETWOOD: I was playing very well. I was hitting it very solid. I looked distinctly average compared to the way Rory started playing on that back nine.

But I felt very control in my game. It was just a case of staying patient. I think 14, Rory sort of -- I know, it was unexpected for him not to just roll that one in for another birdie.

But again, just watching him, the way he bounced back on 15, the shot he hit on 16 and the way he played 17. But for me, just stayed patient and kept playing. I knew I was playing very, very well, and even the last two holes, played 17 and 18 great.

Q. A hot start for your tournament season, jet-lagged coming over from Hawai'i, and you had that get-on-with-it attitude. Overall, how proud are you of your performance?

TOMMY FLEETWOOD: I'm very happy. It was amazing winning. Like almost everybody else in the world of golf, I don't win any why mere as much as incident would like to



but just that winning feeling great.

So happy I came back. This is obviously where I live and have a lot of support. It's great to kick off the year with a great result and push on from here.

You know, feel like I've been saying for a long time; I've been doing a lot of really great things. I have amazing people that I'm working with, win, lose or draw today. You know, next week will be the same. We just crack on and we keep pushing forward and hopefully keep moving the right direction.

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