

# Sony Open in Hawaii

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Waialae Country Club

## Blaze Akana

### Quick Quotes

**Q. Much better round today. Talk about the conditions were better and your confidence as well.**

BLAZE AKANA: Yeah, conditions were a lot better, a little easier this morning. Finished up my first round, three holes left, not the greatest way to finish the round, but told myself, new 18 and tried to regroup.

**Q. Did you re-setup between rounds and refocus?**

BLAZE AKANA: Yes, exactly. Went in for some breakfast, hit a few putts, back out to the first tee. Felt pretty refreshed. New mindset and new 18.

Played a little better this second round.

**Q. Double on 13. Talk about the trouble on that particular hole.**

BLAZE AKANA: Yeah, kind of in between clubs. I was in the fairway bunker, right fairway bunker, and decided to take the lower lofted club. I thinned it a little and clipped the lip.

Then left it in the rough. Hacked it out and didn't get up and down for bogey, so easy double there.

**Q. Now you've played in this tournament two years in a row. Talk about what it's like to go from playing in this tournament to college golf against basically your peers.**

BLAZE AKANA: Yeah, every time I get to step foot in a PGA TOUR event is a great experience. I try to use it as a confidence going forward just knowing that I'm able to hit some shots under this amount of pressure with the big crowds watching.

Doesn't compare to college. If I can do it here you can do it in college as well.

**Q. Just talk about I saw your family following you around pretty much the entire round. I think I saw**



**some teammates and UH golfers on the course. Talk about that support.**

BLAZE AKANA: Yeah, the support was great this year. Pretty much all my teammates came out; bunch of my family members came out to watch basically the whole 18.

Yeah, having a gallery like that follow me around definitely encouraged me to keep my head up and just keep grinding and try to finish as best I could.

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