

ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES
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RICKIE FOWLER (-6)



Q. Solid first round, bogey free. What did you think about your round?

RICKIE FOWLER: Yeah, good solid day. A lot of good swings, a couple loose ones, but I'm definitely happy about it. Obviously playing fairly easy out there with the soft conditions. Svensson put together a nice round. It was definitely out there, a lot of birdies to be made, but at the same time there's a few holes that you have to keep your guard up in a way and make sure you execute. Other than that, a lot of times where you can stay aggressive and be on offense. Yeah, good solid, fairly simple day for me and a nice way to start the week.

Q. What are we seeing from the course from the rainfall last night and kind of expecting for this afternoon wave it will dry up?

RICKIE FOWLER: Yeah, it will start to dry a little bit, but the golf course is really soft. Greens started our back nine getting a little beat up because of how soft they are. They'll get maybe a little bumpy this afternoon with as much traffic as there is. I think the forecast and everything looks pretty good so hopefully can continue to dry out, but I think today or this afternoon and still tomorrow it's going to be fairly soft.

Q. First, can you talk about the black ribbon you're wearing and your connection to Cody, how long you've known him?

RICKIE FOWLER: Yeah, I've known Cody for a handful of years. He's helped me quite a bit on putters when I've used the Oddysey products. Great guy and this is -- his wife was battling cancer for a while and was in remission, and popped back up and unfortunately passed I guess about a week and a half ago now.

So he's someone that's -- Cody's part of the family out here and when you're part of the family, their family's part of the family, too. You know, can't really imagine what they're all going through, him and his boys, but to be able to at least help out and show our support, I think everyone out here does a great job of that.

Hopefully we'll be able to see him back out here soon. I know he loves being out here with all of us. At this time I know he wants to be home with his boys. Hopefully they can get through this.

Q. And then for the Playoffs, you've been on all ends from missing it to making it to East Lake. Has that perspective shaped your mindset at all for these last few weeks?

RICKIE FOWLER: Well, at the end of the day, good golf solves a lot of things. Luckily I've



been starting to play a little bit better these last few months and had some decent finishes. Good solid start today.

But yeah, looking forward to play well this week and go into next week and put ourselves in a good position. Ultimately I think initial goal is to make it to BMW and be inside the top-50, but we'll take it day by day for now.

Q. Do you let yourself think about the points and projections? Does that motivate you or do you try and block it out?

RICKIE FOWLER: Well, I know where I am coming in this week. I know a nice finish or a win would do a lot of good things. I wouldn't say I'm necessarily calculating, or I don't know if I finish a certain spot where I'll move to. Like I said, good golf solves a lot of things.

