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(Advanced Rule's Official.)

AN INTERVIEW WITH TONY WALLIN

THE MODERATOR: Thank you, Tony, for joining us for a few minutes. He is the tournament advanced rule's official this week for the PGA Tour, and a great job today.**Error! Bookmark not defined.**

TONY WALLIN: Thanks, are we having fun yet?

THE MODERATOR: Yes, sir.

Q. Walk us through what's going to happen tomorrow?

TONY WALLIN: Well, what's going to happen tomorrow, we are going to resume the third round at 7:30 a.m. with the players in position and ready to play.

And then we'll make a decision as to whether we're going to repair or just keep the players in their same pairings for the start of the fourth round which will be somewhere approximately between 9:30 and 10:30. We don't know yet which that will be.

So for right now we're just kind of wait and see as to how long it takes to finish up what we have to play in the morning and looking at what we have left as far as where we can tee them off for the start off the fourth round.

Q. Why the option of repairing because of 10:30 you can start earlier maybe?

TONY WALLIN: Well, with television we've got a little leeway in our discussions with CBS on our finish time. And if we get caught up in something, wind, something like that, there is always a possibility we might be a little longer on the golf course in the morning than we expect.

But, hopefully, we'll be able to get them done fairly quickly in the morning and then repair and get them started in the 9:30 to 10:30 range and still hit our TV finish times.

Q. Do they go past 5:00 if they have to?

TONY WALLIN: Yes.

Q. Until you go off?

TONY WALLIN: Well, right now they basically told us they will stay on with us until 6 p.m. if they have to.

THE MODERATOR: I put that in our notes. It explains if we go over where we go to.

Q. You switch networks?

THE MODERATOR: Yes, I didn't look at.

Q. Tony, a 7:30 start is that a pretty locked started?

TONY WALLIN: Oh yes, we'll have them in position ready to play at 7:30. We are expecting good weather tomorrow, dry weather, nice skies and just might be a little windy.

Q. Tony, when you all got on the course after the rain, what did you think? Did you think it held up pretty well?

TONY WALLIN: We were amazed at how dry it was out there. It was extremely dry and it just shows what a good sand capping will do for a golf course. It was incredible how dry it was. I was totally amazed.

Q. How much rain did they get on the course?

TONY WALLIN: We got well over an inch. I never did get our final total.

Q. A short amount of time?

THE MODERATOR: 1.4. I called and asked.

TONY WALLIN: I knew it was over an inch. We were lucky in that respect. Really having seeing what we got, and the amount of time we got it in, the superintendent was extremely pleased with what we saw out there. Myself, having been here last year, and seeing, you know, what it was like after a lot of rain, and all of these areas were filled with water, I was expecting the worse and got the best.

Q. Did you get any complaints about the lift, clean and place?

TONY WALLIN: No. In fact, I think the players were overall quite happy that we did not have to play lift, clean and place.

THE MODERATOR: In fact, DiMarco made mention in here that he did not have any mud on his ball.

TONY WALLIN: That's one of the things our guys, when they went out to look a the golf course, they were looking at that aspect of it. Seeing if a ball would pick up any mud or anything. That's not always the reason we play lift clean and place any. Generally the reason we play lift clean and place, if there is so much casual water that it's difficult to take relief from casual water. And like I say, with that sand cap out there, there was very, very little casual water out there at all.

Q. For clarification sake, you are going to go threesomes?

TONY WALLIN: Yes, sir.

Q. In a perfect world, would you like to repair them?

TONY WALLIN: In a perfect world definitely. In fact, one of our main things is we are hoping we can repair them, because that way we get the leaders in the final groups.

Q. Even if it takes a little longer to do it?

TONY WALLIN: Right. That's why we are saying, you know, the start of the fourth round somewhere in the 9:30 to 10:30 range.

THE MODERATOR: Thank you, Tony.