



Q. Great round out there, eight birdies, bogey-free 63. In fact, 11 birdies in your last 27 holes. What did you find out there?

THOMAS PIETERS: I was driving it a bit closer to the fairway. I was very, very wide the first couple of days and I was very sick. I went to see the doctor on Tuesday and started feeling better every day. Found something on the range yesterday and yeah, hitting it a bit straighter off the tee really helped here.

Q. It's interesting, this weather this week, kind of hard to start feeling better but I guess you did. What do you take then from this round moving forward, how do we use this as a springboard to the next start?

THOMAS PIETERS: I mean, I played in Dubai and I played pretty solid, just made a lot of double bogeys and made a lot of birdies. So I knew I was making the putts and I could go low, and it's nice to have one of these under my belt now.

Q. (No microphone.)

THOMAS PIETERS: When you get up at 4:00 a.m. four days in a row it's not fun, especially when you're feeling sick at the beginning of the week and you're trying to get some rest. I don't think I was in bed after 8:00 this week. The game was there, just my driving in the beginning of the week was very poor. That got a little bit better once the week went on but still not that happy with it. My putting was very good and my ball striking was very good.

Q. In this final round, does it feel like you found something going forward?

THOMAS PIETERS: Yeah. I felt like I was coming in the other rounds as well but just couldn't push through and make those extra three, four birdies. Today was just pretty stress free. I hit a lot of greens and got a couple good up-and-downs and just made birdie where I had to make birdie.

Q. This is obviously a big finish for you. You talked earlier in the week about wanting to play over here. This is probably going to get you close to temporary status. Would you change your schedule at all?

THOMAS PIETERS: I love playing in Europe. If that gets my card or gets close and I can maybe lock up my card in the next three, four starts, then that will be good, but it's not going to change for this year probably. It will just make my schedule a little bit easier next year I think.

Q. Did you realize at some point that Dustin was -- at what point did you realize that

Dustin was out of range?

THOMAS PIETERS: 20-under par on the leaderboard. I think my caddie on 9, he's like I know you're not going to win, but... I couldn't go 14 under on nine holes.

Q. What do you think of the Riv overall here?

THOMAS PIETERS: I love Riviera. It just suits my eye. You want to keep playing the course almost. I just want to go out there right now and play some more, it's so much fun to play. Well, actually I'll take it back.

Q. So do you think you will be at the French Open this summer?

THOMAS PIETERS: The French Open? I think it's on my schedule, yes.

Q. Are you playing next week, Honda?

THOMAS PIETERS: Yeah, next week.

Q. Next two weeks?

THOMAS PIETERS: Next two weeks.

Q. Even though you said you don't want to take up your PGA Tour card in the States, does this sort of round today and your week this week, does that whet your appetite to want to play more on the PGA Tour?

THOMAS PIETERS: Yeah, I'd like to combine both of them. Ideally I want to play here until May and then go back to Europe and play the events I want to play.