



KEVIN CHAPPELL (-4)

Q. Kevin, just talk about how your round went.

KEVIN CHAPPELL: Nice to get off to a good start, I went 3 under through four and then kind of a lull there in the middle of the round. Nice to play the par 5s a couple under par and then chip in on 14 was nice. Probably not the best pitch I hit all day, but I aimed it well. Didn't finish great, but all in all a solid day.

Q. Playing in the wind, was it tough out there? I know it's your first time around here in tournament play.

KEVIN CHAPPELL: It's the same wind direction as was in the practice rounds so that was nice to see it in the same direction. It's kind of laid down now, so I think the course is gettable, but when it's blowing, it blows from the north-northeast. A lot of these holes play a little different directions than what you may think, so the wind might help a tee shot and hurt a second shot, but it feels like it's the same direction so you've got to be aware.

Q. Is this week kind of one of those weeks where it's a nice kind of bonus for the end of the year, a reward for a year well played?

KEVIN CHAPPELL: Yeah, for me I didn't play much in the fall, and when I did I didn't play how I wanted to. So I've kind of looked at it as I've had my offseason and trying to get ready to go into '18 and try to see results from some of the stuff I've worked on and see what I can continue to improve on but also enjoy it. It's a beautiful place, it's an honor to be here and a nice way to end the year.

Q. What are some of the things you've been working on that you want to see results?

KEVIN CHAPPELL: Just trying to tighten up the short game. My wedge play over the last year hasn't been great, putting in my career hasn't been a strength and I would like to see that turn around and see what happens with the results in golf tournaments.

Q. What was it like to see the name Woods creep up the leaderboard?

KEVIN CHAPPELL: I didn't really look at a leaderboard, to be honest with you. I'm not sure how he's playing or what, but it's great to have him back, great to see him competing and kind of hear the -- hear about the legend and how far he's hitting it and all that stuff. We'll see what that adds up to at the end of the day, but I know he's excited to be back. It's good for the game, it's definitely a good buzz to the golfing world.