



Q. Joaquin, solid round of golf today, 3 under. How would you describe your day?

JOAQUIN NIEMANN: Yeah, it was a great round. Played similar to yesterday, hit the ball great. I feel that I putted really good, too, but they just didn't drop. There was some tricky putts out there. Yeah, it was a really good round.

Q. After the first two days is there something that you think you need to work on going into the weekend?

JOAQUIN NIEMANN: If I just keep playing the way I'm playing, I think I'm going to give myself a big chance. I just need to keep doing what I'm doing. I feel that all my game is on point. So yeah, just got to be patient. It's a really tough course so on the weekend anything can happen.

Q. How were the conditions today versus yesterday?

JOAQUIN NIEMANN: It was similar. I mean, I think it always plays easier in the morning, especially the greens. The afternoon, it was similar. There wasn't much wind out there. It was kind of a similar round.

Q. I know there wasn't much of an offseason, but the way you started in Hawaii, the way you're playing this week, did you make any changes or did anything click in the offseason that sort of sparked this?

JOAQUIN NIEMANN: No. I think I'm just trusting all the work I've been putting in since a lot of years. I think the biggest difference was a little bit in my mentality. I started working a little bit with a mental coach from Chile and he's been helping me a lot. I think it's a little bit of a switch of mentality.

Q. Why did you feel you had to work with a coach?

JOAQUIN NIEMANN: I think I can always get better. I think that part was one of the things I think I needed to get better and I think it's working.

Q. When did you start working with him?

JOAQUIN NIEMANN: Probably since TOUR Championship, around there.

Q. So towards the end of last year?

JOAQUIN NIEMANN: A couple months ago, yeah.

Q. And was it the plan all along to play the two in Hawaii and then take some time off before you started back up again?

JOAQUIN NIEMANN: Yeah, it wasn't my plan at the beginning, but after I played great golf, I decided that I wanted to go back to Chile, enjoy the family a little bit and then get back to work. I think I needed those four weeks after the season last year wasn't enough break, so I think I needed those four weeks.