
Q. Joaquín, how difficult was that second round?

JOAQUÍN NIEMANN: Yeah, it wasn't easy. Starting I think off No. 10, you've got No. 10, 11, 12, they were not playing easy, hitting 5 irons to the green. And then I started with a driver on the water, No. 10, but after that I played really solid. I was lucky to have a nice group where we were (inaudible) we enjoyed it a little bit more, tried to forget a little bit the weather. Yeah, it was freezing, couldn't feel my hands and I managed to have a good round, so I'm happy.

Q. What are you most happy about with your game today?

JOAQUÍN NIEMANN: My putting, I putted pretty good. Made some good putts. It was a good putt on 18 after that double bogey I made. I think my putter just gave me some real confidence. Tried to get it to the green and figure it out.

Q. Just a few shots behind Hideki, who's 8 under right now. Just thoughts going into the weekend? What do you think your focus should be with the good weather for this weekend as well?

JOAQUÍN NIEMANN: He say he's not playing his best golf; I think he's playing pretty good. It's going to be fun. Hopefully we can play together. We played together at the Presidents Cup on the same team and it would be nice to get to know him better and play together. Also, it's going to be fun to have him here in Japan with the crowds, so yeah, looking forward.

Q. And are you happy with how you're swinging it this week?

JOAQUÍN NIEMANN: Yeah, there's (inaudible). Just played two rounds, just halfway, yeah, just get myself in position to have a good week.