

KURT KITAYAMA (-8)

Q. Strong playing through the first couple days. What's been going well in your game so far, yesterday afternoon and this morning?

KURT KITAYAMA: Been putting really well. I feel like I've been making a lot of putts, and especially my ball striking, too, gave myself a lot of opportunities. The course is playing long, so to give yourself a lot of opportunities, that's good.

Q. After the first -- you made a couple bogeys early in the day. Did you have to have a talk with yourself to reset or tweak anything? What was kind of your approach?

KURT KITAYAMA: Not really. I just kind of stayed patient because I know I was able to make a lot of birdies yesterday so I figured I would be able to make a few more today, so just stayed patient. It happens. Especially 10's such a hard starting hole and I had still a lot of par 5s coming in, so just kind of regrouped and stayed patient.

Q. What's been your kind of favorite shot you've hit this week so far?

KURT KITAYAMA: Probably I hit a couple 4 irons into 3 today and then 8, that was playing really long. I actually missed on 8, but I thought it was a really good 4-iron shot. I know on 3 I hit it to like 20 feet and that was really good.

Q. What's it been like overall this season on the PGA Tour, your first season out here as a member?

KURT KITAYAMA: It's been I feel like hectic, a lot of up and downs getting used to new environments, new places, courses, but it's been good. I think it's overall been pretty good, just trying to handle everything when it comes at me.

Q. What's been your highlight of the season so far?

KURT KITAYAMA: Probably my third at Honda, that was really good. It's hard to miss, I'd say that was top.

Q. How did that like help -- did that help you mentally?

KURT KITAYAMA: Yeah, definitely. Gave me a lot of confidence going on from that and trying to use that this week, yeah.

Q. What's your familiarity with kind of this, like when you got here for this course, did

you feel comfortable out here? Any courses that you played in the past that seem similar to you, kind of this grass and this --

KURT KITAYAMA: I feel like a lot of -- when you're near the ocean, you get a lot of this grass, but everything's like so purely conditioned and you don't really get a bad lie out there, which is nice. Just a lot of like island golf, I guess.

Q. What do you think about the facilities? Other than the golf course, where you're staying and everything, what do you think about it?

KURT KITAYAMA: Yeah, it's great. Everything's right here on property, makes it really easy. I think if you're staying off it's a little bit more difficult, but with the practice facility's amazing, they've got a great range, chipping green, putting green.

Q. A long golf course in this kind of humidity and hot temperature. How do you feel compared to other tournaments?

KURT KITAYAMA: Yeah, I mean, it's definitely more challenging. We have to hit 5-, 4-irons and even like 7-wood in, it's definitely a challenge. It's playing kind of hard.