

KURT KITAYAMA (-13)

Q. Kurt, three rounds in the books and you're right up there at the top for tomorrow. How does that feel and what are you looking forward to to have a chance to chase your first PGA Tour title tomorrow?

KURT KITAYAMA: It feels really good. It's nice to be in the hunt going into Sunday. Just really excited to get it going tomorrow. Just trying to stay relaxed, I guess. A lot going through your head at this time, so I'm sure there will be a lot going on tomorrow. Yeah, just trying to stay relaxed.

Q. How do you do that? What do you do to try to stay relaxed when there's so much going on?

KURT KITAYAMA: Just kind of watch a lot of Netflix or FaceTime with my friends, hang out really.

Q. Thinking back to the Honda, are there similarities to how your game feels as to that week?

KURT KITAYAMA: Yeah, pretty close, I think. Maybe I was hitting it a little better at Honda. I feel like I'm putting better this week, but overall everything feels pretty solid and just kind of use that.

Q. Did you have a feeling early in the week that this could be a pretty good week, like when you were warming up and scouting the course?

KURT KITAYAMA: Yeah, I was making a lot of birdies in the practice round, that's always a nice indication of how you feel out there, like at least you can make a lot of birdies. That doesn't really count. Use that knowing like there could potentially be a lot of birdies in the tournament, so kind of use that.

Q. What's kind of something, a past win or a past experience you'll try to draw on tomorrow as you chase your first title?

KURT KITAYAMA: Probably my two European wins, which were honestly really similar. Island feel, similar grass with the Paspalum, windy. And then kind of try to go back off my most recent like the Honda where I was right there. Even though I didn't pull through, try to use that experience to help.

Q. What is -- how do you describe what it feels like when you get to like the back nine

on Sunday? Do you feel a little extra adrenaline?

KURT KITAYAMA: Definitely. You might grip the club a little harder, swing it harder. There's a lot of things. You feel jittery that come into play and you have to learn how to calm yourself down.

Q. And have you played with Jon Rahm at all?

KURT KITAYAMA: No, I haven't, no.

Q. Have you like seen, like watched any tournaments he's won?

KURT KITAYAMA: Yeah, definitely, I've seen him out there. It will be fun to be in that group.

Q. What stands out to you about his game and how he plays from what you've seen?

KURT KITAYAMA: Just really solid all around. Short game's unbelievable, putts it really well, kind of sticks out.

Q. Is it kind of fun to have the opportunity to go head to head against the world No. 2 player as you chase your first title?

KURT KITAYAMA: Yeah, and I think it's also a good learning experience to learn like what the best do so well and to be right there to learn. Obviously I'm trying to win, but just kind of see what happens.

Q. When you shoot an opening round score like you did at the Honda (inaudible) whole week basically from start to finish sitting on the lead or around the lead, how was that different that week versus a week like this?

KURT KITAYAMA: Not too much. Like when it comes like Sunday, maybe like a little easier today, like you know today you can really move up. If you're right there, you don't have really much room to move. So probably the difference would be that coming into like today's round where you know you've got to kind of move up, make some -- close the gap a little bit. Then, yeah, Sunday's kind of the same feeling as what I had at Honda.

Q. How much more comfortable are you out here now (inaudible)?

KURT KITAYAMA: The Honda result helped a lot, you know. Then the more I keep playing, the more I get comfortable and getting comfortable out here. It's definitely different to get the experience.

Q. (No microphone.)

KURT KITAYAMA: A lot of comedy. I like laughing so I just find something funny and that helps relax me, too.

Q. What's one show you watch?

KURT KITAYAMA: I honestly can't -- I just, yeah.

Q. Whatever you see on --

KURT KITAYAMA: Yeah, yeah.