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NORMAN XIONG (-26)

Q. All right, Norman, congratulations on the win. Can you take us through how you're feeling right now?

NORMAN XIONG: I really don't know how I'm feeling just because I didn't really expect to be here, like I said, and yeah, I don't know. I mean, I was just golfing the ball this week.

Q. What do you think was working best for you round after round?

NORMAN XIONG: I think a lot of things just went my way. I got a lot of good breaks, a lot of putts dropped and yeah, it's kind of I guess what it takes out here to win, to kind of have it be your week and have everything go your way.

Q. You had the lead for a while there. Did you ever let yourself look at the leaderboard and know how far ahead you were?

NORMAN XIONG: I think the goal for today was initially to get to 22, so just three more under, but after the fourth hole I believe I already got there, so I had to kind of switch goals pretty quickly. And pretty sure I saw the low round of the day was 10 under, so I just tried my best to get there and fell short on the last hole, kind of choked it, but got the win.

Q. You mentioned your ups and downs in your speech. (Inaudible). There's a public service announcement. Is it kind of the end of the announcer right here or the continuation of it?

NORMAN XIONG: Yeah, I guess this concludes chapter one. Yeah, I feel so much different than I did when I was out here last year, a few years ago, yeah.

Q. You don't have to Monday qualify, is it in your mind at all? Everyone says, I don't believe it myself, but deep down did you think this would come to fruition like this?

NORMAN XIONG: I think I really just recently focused on, it sounds cliché, but just the process. I did a lot to rebuild my foundation and yeah, I kind of had a vision of what it took to play my best golf and I'm just trying my best to stick to that.

Q. You talked about the long journey to get here, you finally have the win. Has it sunk in yet?

NORMAN XIONG: Not at all, not even close, no. It's such a grind out here. I just knew that I

couldn't really let up today. Like I really just had to keep fighting and set a really tough goal. I think that just shows kind of how tough it is out here and I think you can only recognize how much of a battle it is for all these players out here. It's a really tough sport.

Q. What was the last -- was there a low point in the last few years, one that kind of comes to mind?

NORMAN XIONG: Yeah, probably finishing close to the last or maybe last at second stage Q-School I think two years after I had status here, that was probably rock bottom.

Q. And was there doubt? Everyone knows you have the talent. Did doubt start creeping into your mind?

NORMAN XIONG: I think it was more so just trying really hard to play the golf I always wanted to play. I don't think it was really much doubt of my ability, it was more just getting over the hurdle of being free out here and just golfing the ball.

Q. Was it maybe the expectations that people put on you because of the college career and the junior career that it was just like almost hard to live up to right away?

NORMAN XIONG: I would say so. And also I think initially when I first turned pro, my foundation wasn't as solid as it is now.