

JIM FURYK

Q. Jim, thanks for joining us here at the Mitsubishi Electric Classic. You've had a busy last couple days. Can you just talk us through the whirlwind of the last 48 hours or so?

JIM FURYK: Yeah, I found out a few weeks ago and was asked about being the Presidents Cup captain, so I was kind of anxious to get that announcement underway. Flew home from the Insuperity Classic here before the Mitsubishi Electric Classic, so fun morning. Spent a lot of time there at PGA TOUR HQ, talked to a number of different outlets. I guess kind of underway now. Can talk about it a little bit more and just I'm excited for the opportunity.

Q. It might be a little bit apples to oranges, but you're also going to be the World Champions Cup U.S. captain. What similarities, differences do you see with those two roles?

JIM FURYK: Bigger and smaller teams. The World Champions Cup, we're dealing with six players from three different teams each and I don't have -- I guess one of the most difficult things I think about being captain is your captain's picks, so the World Champions Cup, the teams are kind of formed. There's some chairman's picks, but not picks for the captain.

Definitely some differences, but still trying to pair guys up, trying to get some strengths and weaknesses. Four-ball, I think we're going to go Scotch foursomes in the World Champions Cup versus a foursomes format.

There's a lot of similarities. I'm trying to get our three strongest teams out there. I was already excited about the World Champions Cup, so I don't want to say it's going to be good practice because that would, I think, be downplaying the event out here on the Champions Tour. It definitely -- I'll rely on past experiences from being a vice captain, assistant captain for Presidents Cup, Ryder Cup being the captain in 2018 and try to apply those lessons learned to the World Champions Cup this year in '23 and then on to the Presidents Cup in '24.

Q. I think you've made one start here in the Mitsubishi Electric Classic. What can you tell us about TPC Sugarloaf?

JIM FURYK: It's funny, I didn't play this golf course very often on the PGA TOUR. In fact, when I say I didn't play it very often, I don't think I ever played it, played this event. What I knew about the golf course is kind of what I saw on TV. Saw folks preparing here, getting ready to go to Augusta and, you know, over the weekend I usually spent the weekend up in Augusta and tried to get ready up there a little early. Watched the event on television and



had the opportunity then to play this course a couple years ago.

Now we have a brand new front nine, I believe, that I have yet to see, so I'll see it today in the pro-am. Sent Fluff out for an early scouting session. But the back nine I'm familiar with and like. There's a lot of risk-reward out there and some difficult shots as well, and just go from there. It's a hilly golf course, kind of for us a big golf course. It's got some severity on the greens in spots and places you need to be very careful.

Q. We're about a third of the way through the season here on Champions Tour. How would you assess the way you've played so far this year?

JIM FURYK: I'm a little disappointed. I didn't play particularly well last year, especially this time of the year. Kind of made a decent finish, a good race to the end. I'm a little bit in the same position, I had a couple good starts but been finishing a lot middle of the pack. And still working on a lot of the same things. Things I struggled with last year I'm still struggling with right now and trying to work my way through it.

Q. And with two-thirds of the season here, including senior major championships, what are kind of your goals the rest of the way?

JIM FURYK: Yeah, I think just to keep improving. I've been working really hard on my game and really haven't seen the results I wanted to to this point. Keep grinding away. For me, I guess you said the season's a third over, but for me it's probably not quite. I probably have more than two-thirds of the events left in the season for me for the ones that I missed so far and what I plan on playing. I have at least two-thirds of the season left or probably more, the bulk of it, so keep working on my game. I think now playing a little bit more regularly, I've got two stretches here where I'm three in a row with a week off in between. I like getting in a rhythm a little bit. I think I learn and usually get better as those weeks go on. Early in our season here it's a little sporadic, it's a one on, one off type of event. It's hard to get in a rhythm and I didn't do a very good job of it so far.

