

ROUND 3 QUOTES
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MATTHIEU PAVON (-10)

Q. Nice round. Can you kind of characterize -- the scores were much higher across the board today -- how the course was playing today compared to the last couple days that may indicate why scores are higher?

MATTHIEU PAVON: Yeah, it is tough out there. Even yesterday I had a good round, but that was tough. The rough are thick, the wind switched a little bit, it brings some north wind today, it was a little bit cooler, too, windier. Overall, it was tough to catch the fairways, it was streaky out there. Also, the greens, we've been playing on them for three days now, they got a little bit bumpy and they are quite fast, so it makes making some putts a little bit tricky and tough.

Q. What can you rely on with your win on the DP World Tour in Spain as you go into a day like tomorrow? What can you take from that day and apply for tomorrow?

MATTHIEU PAVON: Yeah, it brings me a lot of confidence winning in Spain last year. As I said previously, is not a consecration, but it says to my staff and I that we are working on the right direction, that everything that I've been doing so far the last two, three years has been working. It's just a mind game, you have to be very focused on every shot, very committed and just try to keep your head in the game and be positive.

Q. Obviously you get your card through your finish over in Europe to come over here. Is it exciting to already be seeing success so early in the season, to kind of immediately translate from Europe over here?

MATTHIEU PAVON: Yeah, for sure, it is always nice to start the season the right way. For me it has some value to start the season well, to finish it exactly the same thing. Yeah, as you said, starting well gives you a little bit of confidence, let's say, and I'm really happy with the position I am so far today.

Q. Some of the history of this tournament, Tiger's won here a bunch of times, a lot of guys have won here and gone on to a lot of success. Do you think about getting that first PGA TOUR win here at a golf course like this, championship caliber, and what that can do for the rest of your career?

MATTHIEU PAVON: To be fair, I don't think about that. I just enjoy a lot being out there because it's a beautiful place. It's tough and for the professional golfer, getting a tough test is always the best. I'm not very fond of very low scoring weeks and this week is a proper test and you can see where your game is and for me it's the most important.

