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INTERVIEW OF MATT KUCHAR

THE MODERATOR: Matt Kuchar, thanks for spending a few minutes with us this here. 64 today, second place last year. You got some good vibes going on?

MATT KUCHAR: Yes, I love playing here. The weather is fantastic, the course is fun to play, you can make a lot of birdies. I have some great memories from last year finishing second. I'm playing some good golf. I hope to continue it over the weekend.

Q. What's been the biggest thing for you the last two weeks?

MATT KUCHAR: Making a lot of putts, putting has been good. I've been hitting it great too, I haven't found myself in trouble. I've been putting myself in position to make birdies. It's just a matter of making the putts and making the birdies. It's been working.

Q. How were the weather conditions out there today, pretty nice?

MATT KUCHAR: It's fun to see a ball roll as far as it does in the fairways. It's fun to play in conditions where it's firm and fast. We don't often get to see it. It's quite a change from two weeks ago at Turning Stone which is as wet of a place that I've ever been.

We were looking up in the sky today and saw not a single blemish, not single cloud in the sky, the conditions are just perfect out there.

Q. Do you think the we you finished yesterday gave you momentum into today's round? You played very well on the backside yesterday?

MATT KUCHAR: I think the back 9 is the 9 that people are going to be taking advantage of. I did it today. I shot 6-under on the back side and 1-under on the frontside. It seems like it's the

side that you will find most people making the majority of the birdies on the backside. I kind of got off to a slow start yesterday, I played the front 9 even par, and I had a nice back 9 shooting 5-under yesterday. This morning I got off to a good start. I shot 6-under on the back 9. I think it makes for some fun finishing holes. It makes for some excitement because you will have a lot of guys on the leaderboard, once they get to that back 9, any time they are within three or four shots of the lead, you can make a bunch of birdies and make a good run at winning this thing.

Q. It did look like Troy took advantage of his round yesterday. How do you feel now going into the weekend where you sit at 12-under knowing there are some very good golfers yet to tee off today?

Do you like where you are?

MATT KUCHAR: Right now I'm in second place but I'm sure by the end of the day it will be 5th place or lower. There is a lot of guys who played some awfully good golf yesterday, and I expect them to continue that. The conditions were easiest this morning. I think the lowest round probably come from the morning. The majority of the good rounds come from the morning. It's just still and perfect out there. The greens get a little more spiked out, a little bit bumpier in the afternoon. But, yes, I'm certainly happy I played some good golf for two days. I'm at 12-under, and I'm definitely happy with where I stand.

Q. Is there anything that you take from last year that's helped you this year in terms of managing your game and knowing how shooting low early was so important and how you really built on that?

MATT KUCHAR: Yes, from last year, it's a help to have a little extra course knowledge. Some of the putts are tricky out there, breaks that you don't think about. I think there is definitely some pull towards that trap. I think putts are pulled out that way. The more you play out here, you know that does hold true, it's just how much they are going to be pulled. There is definitely some local knowledge and course knowledge and having a good week here last year certainly helps me feel confident.

Q. Can you talk about your eagle putt at 16 today?

MATT KUCHAR: I hit a 5 iron in. I think I had 214 yards and it stopped three feet away. It was a great shot.

Q. What did you hit in?

MATT KUCHAR: A 5-iron.

Q. To 3 feet?

MATT KUCHAR: Yes, there is not much to talk about a 3-footer.

Q. That's a heck of a shot?

MATT KUCHAR: A fun one to have for eagle.

Q. I assumed you stayed away from the trees?

MATT KUCHAR: Stayed away from the trees, was right down the middle to the left side. I watched Hunter Mahan from 2 yards behind, he hit a great shot right at the pin and it went just passed it.

Q. He played well, today?

MATT KUCHAR: He was 9-under.

Q. Let me ask you, do you always play well when your playing partners are having a good round? Does it give you incentive or added pressure that you try to keep up?

MATT KUCHAR: It seems to be the way it works. I don't think many players actually think about the other guy, or really do a whole lot of feeding off another guy.

But when everybody is missing putts, it seems to be harder to get putts to go in. When you see a bunch of guys making putts, when you see it in your mind it seems to be easier and putts do go in. There is probably some feeding off of each other just by seeing good shots, good putts. There must be some sort of beneficial help. I think you can find yourself struggling when everyone is watching putts go by the hole.

Q. I would think from a weather perspective, everyone is playing well, playing at good pace, everyone is trying to play golf?

MATT KUCHAR: Yes, we didn't have a lot of miscues in our group out there. Yesterday was good golf between the three of us. Hunter I think had one bad hole on 17, otherwise he would have played pretty well. Brian Gay played well yesterday. He was a little bit slow today. As far as performance, he didn't play his best today. Our group cumulative scores are pretty good.

THE MODERATOR: Thank you.

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