

**PRE-TOURNAMENT INTERVIEW: MATT KUCHAR**  
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**MODERATOR:** I would like to welcome Matt Kuchar to the OHL Classic at Mayakoba. Matt, you played here in 2007 and 2008. Do you kind of want to talk about what you remember from those years and then we'll have a few questions.

**MATT KUCHAR:** I remember a couple great experiences. It's a magnificent resort. I actually came down and vacationed in this area, must have been the year before so 2006 did some vacationing down here, and then had two years of tournament play. I remember the course being a very good, very demanding golf course, and one that I'm excited to be back to try to compete here again this year.

**MODERATOR:** Then also if you want to kind of talk about starting your 2015-16 season here at Mayakoba, kind of talk about your thoughts coming into the season, this PGA TOUR season.

**MATT KUCHAR:** I was not real sure exactly what the start of my season looked like. I have a tournament next week where I live, Sea Island, so I knew I would play there. Played Presidents Cup in Korea, had a tournament in Fiji, then had a tournament, the America's Cup in Mexico City and had great performances, and thought maybe I should keep playing. My game was very good, maybe I'll keep playing. I'll go back to Mexico at a course I've had good success at and see if I can start my 2016 year a week earlier than planned.

**MODERATOR:** Lastly, before we open it up for questions, the course here, just kind of tell us what you remember about it. I know it has three very distinct types of layouts all in one course where you're out on the ocean for part of it, in the mangroves. Kind of tell us what it's like playing different types of courses all in one and what you remember about the course.

**MATT KUCHAR:** The thing that stands out most is how demanding of a driving golf course this is. It's not necessarily too tight of fairways, they're plenty wide enough, but it seems to be a lot of holes on either side you have the mangroves left, mangroves right. So it's hazards either side so if you do miss a drive, it's a big penalty. So driving the golf ball well is a priority here and that's one of the strong suits of my game and kind of a reason I feel I've done well here.

**Q. I was wondering what you make of the last five winners on the PGA TOUR have all been first-time winners. What are your thoughts on all these guys coming out and basically winning right away?**

**MATT KUCHAR:** It's an amazing stat. Very impressive. Winning's a hard thing to do on the PGA TOUR. For guys to come out and win for the first time is quite a challenge and it's great to see some of these kids who are rookies come out and win. That's particularly hard. It's an exciting time in golf. The game is very strong, a lot of great players, and then you're starting to see those guys coming into the winner's circle.

**Q. What do you think about the PGA TOUR (inaudible) in the United States and do you think this is going to be (inaudible) in the future?**

**MATT KUCHAR:** If it will be what in the future?

**Q. If you think that this tournament is going to be a top tournament for the top players in the world?**

**MATT KUCHAR:** I foresee in the future the Tour moving more and more internationally. I see the PGA TOUR growing its brand internationally. I see OHL as a great partner, a great supporter, a great sponsor, and they've got a fantastic facility and I certainly hope to see this becoming one of the premier events on the PGA TOUR.

**Q. So now that you have two days under your belt here at the tournament, how are you feeling coming to this tournament?**

**MATT KUCHAR:** My performance over the past month has been very good. I've got a nice track record here at the golf course and I think it helps to be on good form as well so I'm hoping for nice results this week.

**MODERATOR:** Thank you, Matt, for taking the time. Best of luck this week.

**MATT KUCHAR:** Thank you.