



Q. Tommy, what a great finish you had, you birdied four of your last eight holes, put some pressure on DJ.

TOMMY FLEETWOOD: Yeah, it was a long (inaudible) Tuesday, Wednesday, just let's keep plugging away. Yeah, I played well on the back nine all week really. Didn't score very well on that first day. The rest of the time I played I felt comfortable off the tee and into the greens and I was lucky to pull a nice one.

Q. Everyone has a sad story to tell, but I thought you hit a really quality eagle putt on the 11th hole.

TOMMY FLEETWOOD: Well, yeah, that one hurt. That was like a dagger right to the stomach, but that happens, doesn't it? I couldn't have played the hole any better actually. Hit a perfect putt.

Q. I think it's a great week for you, really sets you up for a great year.

TOMMY FLEETWOOD: Yeah, it really does. Since I wasn't in the tournament the start of the year, Abu Dhabi got me in there, and to start the year and to keep it going in such a big tournament, such a great field, it's great, isn't it?

Q. Tommy, what would you say about your round today that put you in the position to win here?

TOMMY FLEETWOOD: Yeah, I mean, it's tough to beat the best player in the world, isn't it? It was a great back nine. I think started pretty well after all a couple of -- (inaudible) So I felt comfortable on it and made the most of those two par 5s and a couple more birdies at the last.

Q. You're going to pop up in the World Rankings again after your finish. As you creep forward in 2017, what has this start done for you?

TOMMY FLEETWOOD: Well, first of all, the start got me in this tournament and I made the most of that, so it's just nice to be playing well again. Obviously I struggled for a while, my game's been coming back. I've been playing really well and it's nice to just shoot scores in the big tournaments with the best players. Like you say, yeah, my world ranking keeps going up so try and keep it that way.

Q. Great finish.

TOMMY FLEETWOOD: Yeah, thanks. That last putt was a big one, wasn't it? Just nice to have a chance going down the stretch. Jon and Dustin, it just shows you're never quite out of it if you just hang in there. Dustin just made a great par. Needed a birdie out of that one, so yeah.

Q. (Inaudible).

TOMMY FLEETWOOD: Well, yeah, it was close. Not close enough but it was close.

Q. Do you look at the leaderboards at all? Were you looking up with any idea?

TOMMY FLEETWOOD: Well, yeah, I mean I wasn't overly worried about where the leaders were. Dustin and Jon kind of came backwards a little bit. I didn't know what Jon was doing, I don't know if he made a couple bogeys or double bogey or something. I was kind of -- if I'm honest, I was kind of looking at trying to get third on my own at one stage, and then before you know it I saw the scores on the last green and I thought I might have a chance at winning now. But it was a really good putt on the last. It was a big one. It would have been nice to get in a playoff and see how we did, but no, it was a good day.

Q. (No microphone.)

TOMMY FLEETWOOD: I go home tonight and then I'm playing Bay Hill and then the Match Play.

Q. (No microphone.)

TOMMY FLEETWOOD: It's been a very good start, yeah. It's been a better start than last year, that's for sure. My game the second half of last year was coming along nicely and I had -- I had a lot of top-15s and started getting in the top-10s a bit and then started contending, and just came out this year and played really well at Abu Dhabi, made the most of it with a win and then this week as well. So it's been a fast start, just hope I can keep it up.

Q. Overall, how would you qualify this week in terms of the new course, the new tournament?

TOMMY FLEETWOOD: I think definitely myself and the European guys that we talked to, we all love the course. It's actually a very European course, so for us it was a good sign when we got here, I think, and it's been a tough test. The course doesn't play overly long and the best players in the world are here and 14 under's been the winning total. I think most people appreciate that side of golf really. It's just a different way of playing and I think the course has been great and the hospitality for everybody has been fantastic. I think you won't find anybody who's got a bad thing to say about this week.

Q. (No microphone.)

TOMMY FLEETWOOD: Maybe. It looks that way. As long as I'm part of it, I don't mind, old guard or new guard. As long as I'm up there, I don't mind. But yeah, it's looking good isn't it? European golf is looking brilliant. I played with Tyrrell today, that's English golf as well. But yeah, the signs are good really. We had seven rookies in the Ryder Cup last year and all these young guys just seem to keep going and you always find a couple of them up there.