

BRANDON HARKINS (-9)

Q. Brandon, congratulations. Did you watch the leaderboard at all because you went birdie-bogey starting at the 13th hole, you were 10 under, in the lead, out of the lead? Really an exciting finish for you.

BRANDON HARKINS: Definitely exciting, but to be honest, I didn't really watch any boards. Wasn't quite the finish I was looking for, you know, trading birdies and bogeys like that, but you know, I really can't complain in the wind like this. Giving myself birdie looks and I've been able to take advantage of a few of them so I can't complain at all.

Q. I know you took a while with the wind on some of the holes, particularly 17. I was up by the green. I look at the trees on the left-hand side, it's into you; look at the trees on the right-hand side and it's blowing the opposite way. You obviously pulled the right club, it was a kick-in birdie for you?

BRANDON HARKINS: Yeah, it was kind of like that our whole back nine. You know, we would feel one thing and then the direction it should have been, it would be opposite. So we just kind of had to take our time and pull the trigger when it felt right.

Q. We were talking about your career at Cal State Chico. It has a little bit of a national reputation as a party school. Is that true or false?

BRANDON HARKINS: No comment.

Q. That means you enjoyed your college career, enjoying yourself today on the PGA TOUR, well done.

BRANDON HARKINS: Thank you very much. Appreciate it.

Q. Brandon, you're playing on the PGA TOUR, you've had one top-10 already this season and now you're telling the world that you belong on this tour?

BRANDON HARKINS: Yeah, you know, I've felt good about my game for a while and it's great to finally be out here, kind of put my game to the test.

Q. This is your first time here. Well, I can see that the course has been good to you and to your game. What do you feel has been the strength about you putting you where you are right now, 9 under?

BRANDON HARKINS: You know what, I think I've just been hitting a lot of greens, been

able to make a few putts here and there. But minus a few errors off the tee this afternoon, been solid off the tee, which has been good, giving me a chance to hit the greens.

Q. Throughout the course, were you aware that by some moments you were the leader of the tournament?

BRANDON HARKINS: Not really. I looked walking down 18 and I saw there, but I had an idea. You know, you always have an idea with how you're playing. But I didn't do a whole lot of leaderboard watching, just kind of trying to do my thing and keep my head down.

Q. And finally, your impressions about the tournament?

BRANDON HARKINS: It's great. Like you said, this is my first time here. I have played some golf in Mexico but not here. Really enjoying myself. The resort, the golf course, you know, everyone here's so welcoming, so it's been such a treat to be here. Everything from the food to the service has been phenomenal.

Q. Brandon, you get in with a 3-under 68. How would you assess your second round?

BRANDON HARKINS: Solid. You know what, minus a few mistakes coming down the stretch, I had a lot of looks at birdies, and when it's windy like this, you have to stay patient. It's cliché but you really just have to take one shot at a time and I think I did a good job of that today. You know, a couple mistakes down the stretch, but all in all, really solid round.

Q. You've had a couple top-20s so far in the fall. What's the common thread when your game's going in the right direction?

BRANDON HARKINS: You know what, I wish I really knew. I think it's just a lot of confidence. You have one good finish, you know you can do it, and you just stick to your game plan, at least that's what I'm doing.