



MATT KUCHAR (-5)

Q. Matt, 5 under par, great start. Get some comments on what was a pretty tricky day out there?

MATT KUCHAR: Yeah, thanks, John. I played well. I was excited about my game coming in and had a nice week in Sea Island and a great week for the holiday, Thanksgiving. My instructor came for the week. Our families get along so well that we spent a week at Thanksgiving with the families and got a little bit of golf work in as well, so I was certainly excited about my game coming down here. In years past I've tended to take the month prior as kind of some time off before this week and always come in a little rusty. It was nice to come in on some good form having played and been competitively sharp.

Q. What do you look to get out of a week like this this time of year?

MATT KUCHAR: Well, typically I would use November as my offseason, December as my spring training and be ready to go January. The Tour schedule's hard to figure out. Everybody's got a different system. Now I try to pick and choose many breaks as opposed to one proper break, and right now this time of year I've played a lot of golf competitively, fairly sharp. In years past I came here with low expectations. And it's a tough thing, this is great World Ranking points, great field, an event you would like to play well at, but I think you've just got the different mentality of, When do I ever stop? And there's a need for players to take a break at some point.

Q. Did you find yourself peeking at any boards today to see what T, Woods was doing?

MATT KUCHAR: Absolutely, we wanted the Tiger Woods update. On every hole we were trying to find an update.

Q. A ticker?

MATT KUCHAR: Yeah, we were asking some of the microphone guys for an update. Certainly I think everybody was excited and couldn't wait to see how he would do.

Q. What do you think guys expected?

MATT KUCHAR: A full range of stuff. I think you heard about him doing great stuff down in Jupiter playing Medalist, then you hear some of the comments from the reporters about irons being weak and you never quite -- and this course has some challenges. This course, if you're not hitting it well with some of the crosswinds and some of the falloffs around the

greens, you can make a mess of a lot of different holes out here. To shoot 3 under is an awfully good round.