

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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MATT KUCHAR (-7)

MATT KUCHAR: This is something that's hard to play off the tee, hard to play around the greens. I did a good job today of avoiding the rough as much as possible.

Q. You've been to Mexico in several tournaments. How does this week change the routine from a normal Tour event?

MATT KUCHAR: This is a fun week. This resort's just a really special place. Bring the whole family down, the kids are down, so we have a great family week. It's a bit of a working vacation. You feel like you come here and it's such a wonderful resort. You get to play some golf and do some work as well, but it feels a bit like a working vacation.

Q. It's a perfect day in the office today, 7 under. How do you feel?

MATT KUCHAR: I played very well. I'm pleased with my game. I felt like I played really well last week in Vegas, but just struggled to get the ball in the hole, struggled to execute on a few occasions. My couple practice rounds Tuesday, Wednesday felt really good, driving the ball well, which is really critical here. If you're not driving it well, this course is extremely hard. If you're driving it well, you can make some birdies, which I was able to do today.

Q. When you come to Mayakoba, you come with the family, it's a holiday, but you take five hours or so every day for golf. How do you feel the support of the family come here relaxing? It's a very different routine in comparison to other tournaments?

MATT KUCHAR: It's an amazing resort, Mayakoba. The beaches are beautiful, all the pools are great, all the facilities. They've done a world-class job here.

So to be able to bring the family to enjoy some vacation time, for me it's a bit of a working vacation, but now I get to go back and hang with the kids and hang at the pool and the beach and really looking forward to some downtime. I had a good time at the office as well. The golf course is great and I had a good time playing today.

Q. There's a lot of low scores today. What was going on with your game and what did you manage to --

MATT KUCHAR: I drove the ball really well and that's critical here. I think this course is awfully hard if you're not driving it well. The rough is penalizing, of course the hazards, the mangroves, the difficult things you can get into are challenging. But if you drive it well, you have some opportunities to make some birdies, and I drove it well and took advantage of the opportunities when I can.

Q. Every time you come to Mexico you're a favorite over here since the America's Cup going way, way back. How did you feel today with the surrounding?

MATT KUCHAR: Yeah, it's great support. I've enjoyed all my experiences in Mexico. A number of great experiences, the America's Cup, now the WGC, and so my time in Mexico's been great, the golf's been really good, and fun to see the crowd support as well.