

JOAQUIN NIEMANN (-14)

Q. Joaquin, great playing. What do you think it's going to take tomorrow, and will you look at the leaderboards at all or just continue to just play your game?

JOAQUIN NIEMANN: Yeah, going to keep playing my game. Obviously the leaders, they're all pretty close, right next to each other, so I know that I need to go low tomorrow to give myself a chance to win. Yeah, just going to try to keep playing my game, give myself chances and try to make them. Yeah, it's going to be fun.

Q. And is there something specific about this course that appeals to you or that suits your eye or reminds you of home or anything?

JOAQUIN NIEMANN: I think it's just you hit a lot of drivers here and if you hit the driver well, you're hitting a lot of wedges. I've been hitting the wedges pretty good this week, so I think, yeah, I think my whole game's been there and hopefully will stay there for tomorrow.

Q. Supposed to be really hot tomorrow, the course might firm up. How do you think that will change things?

JOAQUIN NIEMANN: I think it's going firmer. Today was a little bit firm. The greens were faster, too. Yeah, I think tomorrow's going to be a little bit more firm and fast, which is fine for me, I like playing that way. Yeah, it's going to be a good test.

Q. Are you frustrated at all that you haven't won yet this season?

JOAQUIN NIEMANN: No. I mean, I know that I've been pretty close, I've been playing great golf. Yeah, I mean, I'm not thinking about that, I'm thinking every week what is going on and trying to figure out my game. Yeah, I'm not thinking of I should have won in Hawaii or whatever, I just stay in the present and try to enjoy what I'm doing right now and have fun tomorrow and hopefully get the win.

Q. Do you think you have it figured out this week?

JOAQUIN NIEMANN: Not yet.

Q. Fifty-four holes without a bogey, is that something that you've been thinking about, conscious of during the first three rounds?

JOAQUIN NIEMANN: I always try to not make bogeys, but this week it's working, so yeah, it could have been a pretty good day today. I make a huge save on the par 5 on 14, I

thought I was going to make a 6 there. I was playing for a 6 and I made a great bunker shot and leave myself an easy putt for par. Yeah, I think I hadn't made too many mistakes. When I have put my position in tough spots, I've been doing some good up-and-downs, which is always nice.

Q. Playing in that lead group like you did today, do you listen for the roars? Do you pay attention to them? Is it hard to ignore them? And you're going to be in that lead group again or that last group again, is it hard to ignore them, especially on a Sunday?

JOAQUIN NIEMANN: After being one year with no crowds, I think I miss them a lot and having them here, hear all the crowds going crazy, yeah. I watched Troy's hole-in-one, which was awesome. Yeah, it's more motivating for me also having the crowds. You want to play better, you want to make them go crazy and I think that's the whole idea of having all the people here.

Q. Do you keep an eye on the scoreboard tomorrow to see what other guys are doing in front of you?

JOAQUIN NIEMANN: Hopefully try to look back and, yeah.

Q. To have won as young as you were at Greenbrier, like how did that kind of shape your early expectations, right, of what it means to win and what it takes to win? Some guys, you know, they kind of --

JOAQUIN NIEMANN: I think.

Q. -- grind over those things. And you won so early.

JOAQUIN NIEMANN: Yeah, I think it doesn't matter, you've just got to be patient. I think everybody's going to have their own moment and I had my moment pretty early. And then I was trying to find my moment, I went into a playoff in Hawaii, finished second the week after also. But I took it pretty easy, I just wanted to keep going. I knew that when everything went well, I would win again, so I just didn't want to put myself in that stress. Yeah, I know that if tomorrow I have a good day, I can win, and if I don't, it will just be another week I could have my chance to win.

Q. How much do you feel like you've learned, grown, matured, changed since Greenbrier? 2019, right?

JOAQUIN NIEMANN: Yeah, I think a lot. It's just been like two years, but I feel that my game and my attitude on the course is getting every time better. It's nice looking back and see how I'm improve my game in every part, which I'm really proud of, and of my team, also.

Q. How about as a professional golfer, you know what I mean? Like just living this

life and things like that, how much have you kind of changed since then, do you think?

JOAQUIN NIEMANN: At the beginning it was always my dream to be here on the PGA TOUR. Sometimes you get really tired of it. Having three weeks in a row, four, five weeks in a row, not having many vacations. I'm from Chile, I don't see much of my family. Yeah, I know that I'm pretty happy because I'm here playing on the Tour and doing my life, which is always nice. It's hard sometimes, but it always gives you some rewards.