## **ROUND 3 INTERVIEW** May 7, 2022



## Q. How would you characterize the round out there today?

MATTHEW FITZPATRICK: Yeah, it was all right. Yeah, it was all right. I didn't really -- I didn't make many putts other than the one on the last and it was just about sticking in, just about making pars. Pars weren't a bad score. I was 1 over through five and saw a leaderboard wherever I was and saw that I had not really slipped that far down, if at all. Yeah, so me and Billy both said shoot level par. Yeah, it was just about grinding.

Q. What's your mentality when you know these conditions are going to be present for a round like they have in the last two days?

MATTHEW FITZPATRICK: Just get around, just literally just any way possible. You're not really looking to make birdies, you're not chasing. It's probably why I feel like I play better in these conditions, because I'm not maybe as aggressive and I'm just trying to get around really and not trying to chase a score or anything. Yeah, that's the mentality I had today.

Q. Do you kind of consider yourself like a grinder, like these conditions can sometimes favor you?

MATTHEW FITZPATRICK: Yeah, I would say so. Certainly in this weather the amount of people that say, oh, are you from England, you're used to it, it's pretty standard. I like playing when it's like this. I hate being out there while it's there, but you see everyone else and they hate it a little bit more, so it's good to just keep competing and trying to get around.

Q. Is it more important almost to prepare mentally for conditions like this than it is physically?

MATTHEW FITZPATRICK: Yeah, the past two days I've shortened my warmup by like 30 minutes just to stay out of the rain. It's like you've got to get yourself up for it. Through six holes, if things aren't going well, you've got to try to stick in, try to grind out some pars and you never know where you might end up.