

PRE-TOURNAMENT INTERVIEW
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MATTI SCHMID

Q. Matti, unless you're an American playing on the PGA Tour, it's not very often you get three events in four weeks; well, in four starts on home soil. Obviously played twice in Germany. You have some history here in Kentucky. Can you just talk me through that?

MATTI SCHMID: Yeah, I'm a German who went to school here in Kentucky. Had a great time here during my college -- as a Louisville Cardinal. I think it helped my golf game tremendously. I wasn't that good before. I would say I don't think I would have made it straightaway on Tour, a high level on Tour, but college really has prepared me and has given me the opportunity to improve.

Q. And speaking of preparedness, this time last year you had just finished college, you were prepping for The Open at Royal St. George's, you went on to earn the silver medal as low amateur. Just reflecting on the past year, how proud are you of what you've achieved? Obviously Rookie of the Year on the DP World Tour and now with a great opportunity here this week.

MATTI SCHMID: Yeah, I'm obviously very proud of myself that I was capable of doing that. I have to say I was very thankful of the European Tour, the DP World Tour who have given me starts as an amateur and I think that just has prepared me a bit better. Once I turned pro, I know how things worked and I wasn't as nervous or whatever. That helped, helped a lot to achieve those things.

Q. And this week, you've played this golf course once before. It must be nice to come back and familiarize yourself in your practice round. What can we expect out of that this week?

MATTI SCHMID: Yeah, it's obviously the same kind of conditions, I've had four years in Louisville. The greens are exact same bent greens we have out there and the rough is very similar. So I know the conditions, see if the game's there this week.

Q. And how much of a sense of opportunity is there this week? Obviously it's an event we've been working with the PGA Tour on, there's a spot at St. Andrews on grabs for the winner. Just how much are you looking forward to going out there and giving it your best?

MATTI SCHMID: I think it's a great opportunity obviously with the PGA Tour being involved in this. It's a massive tournament, and also DP World Tour ranking you points, if you look at those, it's one of the biggest events we have all year. It's another opportunity to shine. I

mean, I'm glad we have so many of those on Tour.

Q. Do you think you'll get some support from the locals this week?

MATTI SCHMID: Yeah, I think I have a few Cardinals coming out, for sure.