

KURT KITAYAMA

Q. That must have been quite nice.

KURT KITAYAMA: Yeah, no, felt good today, hit it well. Been putting really well, so kind of clicked today.

Q. Kind of like after a day like yesterday, today must have felt like a different world out there for you guys.

KURT KITAYAMA: Yeah, definitely felt a lot easier after yesterday, it was playing really hard. So today felt like a calm day, which it was.

Q. Kind of like got yourself within a couple few shots back of the lead right now. Just some thoughts into the weekend, into the final day?

KURT KITAYAMA: Just got to keep doing what I'm doing and we'll see how far back I am after today, see what happens.

Q. What do you think you've been doing well the last few days?

KURT KITAYAMA: I think my putting and chipping has been really good, especially after the first day. I hit it poorly and I kind of kept myself in it, could have easily gone bad. So I think that's been the biggest thing this week so far.

Q. This is your first start since the BMW.

KURT KITAYAMA: Um-hmm.

Q. Why are you out here and what you have you been doing the last few weeks?

KURT KITAYAMA: Took some time off.

Q. What did you do?

KURT KITAYAMA: I went to Hong Kong and Korea for about eight, nine days, so that was fun. No golf clubs, so I didn't even think about golf, which is nice. It's rare we get to do that ever. It's been nice. In that position where I don't have to play in the fall and I can have an offseason to make changes if I want.

Q. Came back to ZOZO, why is that? What prompted you to come back?

KURT KITAYAMA: It's almost like an excuse to come here. Normally, if this wasn't here, I probably would have taken the whole fall off. But it's nice I can come back here. My mom likes coming out here.

Q. She's here with you?

KURT KITAYAMA: Yeah, she's here. So it gives her another excuse to come back and just kind of, you know, enjoy traveling again.

Q. And this is the only one you're doing in the fall?

KURT KITAYAMA: Yeah.

Q. What's going on with the eye there? What happened to the eye?

KURT KITAYAMA: I don't know. I'm going to hit a few and then I'm actually going to see a doctor to figure it out. I'm not sure what's going on.

Q. When do it start?

KURT KITAYAMA: Wednesday night, I think. Felt like something was in it. Yeah, it's been -- when I'm out, when I'm playing, I don't feel much, but when I'm not thinking about golf or at dinner, I can definitely feel it.

Q. Does it affect your vision, or is it just irritating, or what's going on?

KURT KITAYAMA: Yeah, it's a little irritating. It's mostly irritating, because I can get my contacts in, I can see. It gets maybe a little more blurry, I think. Yeah, that's about it.

Q. Didn't seem to affect you today though.

KURT KITAYAMA: Yeah.