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**MARK HENSBY (-5)**



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**Q. Welcome back to Morocco. Last year runner-up finish, today 5 under. You've got to like your start.**

**MARK HENSBY:** Yeah, yeah, I played well today. I didn't finish as well as I'd like to, but I played well.

**Q. What is it about this golf course that suits your game?**

**MARK HENSBY:** I don't think there's anything that suits it. It's just, you know, it's a course you've got to get it in play. I don't know. I mean, it's just -- I don't know if it suits you. It looks good to my eye, I guess, yeah.

**Q. Is there courses for horses as they say?**

**MARK HENSBY:** Well, if I finish top-3, then yeah, I guess. No, I played well here in 2000. And the greens are tricky, they're a lot different. You can play well and still shoot 1 or 2 over pretty quick. Yeah, no, it's in good shape. The greens are a little slow this year, which makes it a bit easier, I think.

**Q. You played well last week going into this week. What's clicking?**

**MARK HENSBY:** Last week was more luck. I didn't play very well. I made some putts, I got a lot of good breaks last week. This week I'm actually hitting it pretty good. For me it's week to week. I don't know, sometimes I play good, sometimes I don't.

**Q. Offseason good coming into this? You played well in Hawaii, top-13, right?**

**MARK HENSBY:** Yeah.

**Q. Last week well, off to a good start this week.**

**MARK HENSBY:** Yeah.

**Q. Looks like everything's good?**

**MARK HENSBY:** Yeah. I didn't hit a lot of balls in the offseason, but I putted a lot. That was what I wanted to work on, get better at, which seems like it's paying off.

Yeah, you know, offseason was quiet, so it's good.



**Q. What did you learn about yourself last season? Resilient, got your first win. Heading into this, anything that you worked on or mindset shift heading into this season?**

**MARK HENSBY:** Last season, as well as I played early in the season, I didn't play very well. I didn't have a good season at all really other than the win and a couple good starts early.

I think learning all the golf courses was one thing. I know that sounds cliché, but your first full year out here is difficult because you don't know kind of the areas and stuff like that. Hopefully I play a bit better this year, a little more consistent, I guess. You know, you've got guys like Alker and Stricker, the same guys that play well all the time. And I don't know how they do it, to be honest.

**Q. Do you think that familiarity though will help you heading into this knowing that you kind of have that first season under your belt?**

**MARK HENSBY:** Yeah, I think so. I think that anytime -- even my first year on Tour I think I lost my card, but the second time I went out there I played well, I finished 15th on the Money List. I think you get more comfortable.

**Q. Do you have anything left to prove to yourself? You won last year.**

**MARK HENSBY:** I don't know. I think that we all want to -- there's a few things. I've got goals obviously that I want to accomplish and they're -- you know, I'm not going to say what they are because that's my business, but there's a couple of things I'd like to accomplish before I hang it up, that's for sure.

**Q. Last thing, just overall just being back here in Morocco, what is it about having the Champions Tour come internationally to Morocco? You're no stranger to this, but what have your experiences been like here?**

**MARK HENSBY:** Oh, great. Morocco's a great place, I think the people are great. To be honest, it's great to play outside of America on the tour. I'm glad the Champions Tour is kind of going global a bit more. I heard they may be going somewhere else next year, down to Spain maybe. If that happens, that would be awesome.

