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COLE HAMMER

Q. Good playing today, 6 under. What was working well for your game and then what was kind of the slip-up there on 17 coming in?

COLE HAMMER: Yeah, it was a great start to the week, no question. I haven't had a lot of great form lately. I had one good round in the Bahamas but things just kind of clicked today and I was driving the ball really, really well, felt pretty free out there. My putter got hot in the middle of the round, so I was able to string together some birdies.

On 17, it's just a tough hole. I had a pretty simple bunker shot, tried to chunk-and-run it up there, just left it a little bit short, but overall I'll take the day.

Q. You mentioned your form through the first four events. Is there something that's kind of off with your game or is it just not the results not coming?

COLE HAMMER: My ball-striking just hasn't been there, honestly. I've been happy where my short game and putting's been and I've been hitting my driver fairly well, I just haven't been hitting my irons the way I wanted to. This past week I actually went home and made a switch back to some of my old Ping iBlade irons that I used from junior golf all the way until my first year out as a pro and it's made a huge difference.

Q. What's been your thoughts on this course, an Alister MacKenzie designed course?

COLE HAMMER: This place is incredible. I wish we could play 26 events out here. He's obviously a genius architect and nobody needs to hear me saying that, but it is fun seeing some of these green complexes and how much thought goes into it, especially if the greens get firm. It's a thinker's golf course and I'm truly blown away at the property.

Q. Obviously not the longest golf course, but is it the greens that make it kind of a tricky thing out here?

COLE HAMMER: Yes. You have to have the proper angle coming into the greens, especially if they get firm. And then you just cannot short side yourself, which is easy to do out here if you get aggressive because, like you said, it is short and we get pretty confident with our wedges and short irons sometimes. Just have to have a lot of self control in a place like this. There will be plenty of birdie opportunities (inaudible).



Q. After you finished up last season, did you work on anything over the offseason or how did you spend that time?

COLE HAMMER: Yeah, I really just more so worked on the mental side of things, just trying to really control where -- what I can control on the golf course or my thought process, kind of just being present versus projecting into the future. It's very easy to come out here and think about getting a PGA TOUR card at the end of the season, but I just -- that wasn't working for me last year and I needed kind of a fresh take on things. That's been my mindset change.

As far as physical stuff goes with the golf game, pretty much everything's been the same.

Q. Anything in particular you do throughout -- is there someone you've been working with on your mental game?

COLE HAMMER: Yeah, a guy named Dr. Izzy Justice out of Charlotte has been instrumental in my development over the last year or so. I'm just grateful that he's on my team and he's given me a lot of good insight.

