

## TULUM CHAMPIONSHIP AT PGA RIVIERA MAYA

### ROUND 3 QUICK QUOTES

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### STUART MACDONALD ( -6)

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**Q. Stuart, 1 under today, I guess just take us through your round and how did the course play today.**

**STUART MACDONALD:** Yeah, played pretty similar to the rest of the days, just pretty windy. Greens are starting to firm up a little bit, which is making a couple of shots trickier into the greens. Started off with a bogey, hit it into the crap, made a bogey. Just fought, hung in there all day, hit a bunch of greens.

It's the kind of course you can't press at all, you've just got to kind of hit the best shot you can. You have a lot of 20- 30-, 40-footers and pars are good, so did a lot of that.

**Q. Does it kind of not hurt as bad making bogey out here knowing other players are going to kind of make similar mistakes and you can kind of still hang around if you get back with making pars out here?**

**STUART MACDONALD:** Yeah, 100 percent. Like last week, for example, if you were making a bogey you just feel like you're dropping two shots kind of thing. Out here if you make a bogey, yeah, everyone's going to be making bogeys, doubles. It's going to happen. Yeah, it's really not the end of the world.

**Q. And today's a little bit more of a grind, but yesterday you played pretty well, put yourself in position today. So I guess what was working well yesterday that kind of set you up for the weekend?**

**STUART MACDONALD:** Yeah, just hit a lot of good iron shots. Obviously you have to have the ball in play, which I did. A lot of iron shots that were kind of tap-ins inside three feet, which made a huge difference.

**Q. Americas this week, they're playing the tournament you won last year down there. I guess how, you know, last year playing down there helped you come into this season, maybe some of the other guys who we've seen win out here this year?**

**STUART MACDONALD:** Yeah, gosh, I guess I won last year obviously this week in Peru. That's just a lot of -- gave me a lot of confidence. Winning anywhere gives you a lot of confidence. But gosh, I've played out here a few seasons now so kind of know what to expect. Yeah, just keep on doing what I'm doing.

**Q. I know this year it's kind of been a little bit since your kind of the return to the Korn Ferry Tour. I guess how's it now knowing you're in position going into Sunday to have a chance to win out here?**

**STUART MACDONALD:** Yeah, really exciting. I feel like I've been actually playing really well all year, just have gotten absolutely nothing out of my game. It's kind of coming together this week, started to make a few putts and hopefully can continue doing that.

**Q. What do you think might be the reason for maybe not getting the results but you're feeling good about your game?**

**STUART MACDONALD:** Probably subconsciously pressing too hard. It's not something I'm trying to do, but I've just been kind of shooting myself in the leg either Saturday or Sunday, shooting like an even par round or something like that. You can't really do that out here if you want to move up on the leaderboards. Yeah, hopefully just keep on doing what I'm doing.

**Q. Did you feel confident coming in this week knowing you played this course a few times now and are somewhat familiar with how it might play and maybe some of the other guys might not be out here?**

**STUART MACDONALD:** Yeah, I think it is an advantage playing out here a few times just knowing what clubs to hit off the tee, what kind of clubs work for you. I'm hitting kind of a lot I'd say probably longer clubs off the tee than other guys. There's a lot of holes that fit kind of like a little bit of a squeeze cut that I like to hit. Yeah, it is an advantage, for sure.

**Q. What is kind of the mindset do you think for tomorrow? We'll see how some of the other guys finish, but you might be a couple shots back and might have to chase someone down. It's not the easiest course to do it, so what might be the --**

**STUART MACDONALD:** Um-hmm, just like super patient, super patient. Like I said earlier, make a bogey or two, it's not the end of the world, other guys are going to make bogeys. You can make birdies, there's birdies out there, it's gettable, but just like super patient and just kind of get your chances when you can.