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THOMAS BJØRN (-12, won playoff)

Q. Thomas, did you learn something from that putt earlier in the day in regulation?

THOMAS BJØRN: Yeah, a little bit. I was kind of surprised how much it broke early on, but I think in the playoff I really felt like I could just let it go. I was very tense the last three or four holes, but I could just let it go in the playoff. I didn't hit a particularly good drive, but nice iron into the middle of the green. Yeah, over the putt I probably felt as calm as I felt all day and nice to see one go in.

Q. How special is it to win your first individual title out here? You've won a team event this year.

THOMAS BJØRN: Yeah, you play to win golf tournaments. I played nice this year, got close in a few of the senior majors. You know, I just felt like I had to stay patient with it and my time would come. I'm just, I'm delighted. It came maybe a little bit sooner, I'm on an eight-week run in America to start out this week, so quite a bit sooner than I expected but nice.

Q. Did you happen to catch the Irish Open this morning, the finish with Rory?

THOMAS BJØRN: I did.

Q. Did that give you some inspiration?

THOMAS BJØRN: Thanks for the inspiration, Rory.

Q. You came into this week feeling comfortable, you love the golf course. How much did that play into this week for you?

THOMAS BJØRN: It's just one of those golf courses. We play -- we play some tricky ones. This one is a striker's place, you've got to really hit the fairways. In the first two days I hit pretty much every fairway and it set me up really nicely for the week. Today maybe not so much, but Sundays can be a bit more tricky like that. I just felt really good about my game in practice, I felt good in the first two rounds and I played some nice stuff, and then Sunday just kind of stay -- try and stay in there until the end.

I was a little bit surprised maybe when I got on 13 and saw us leading at 11. I had not really an idea where I was at at that point and the mindset changes a little bit to try and get the job done. Yeah, I got a bit too tense for my liking on the last few holes, but in the playoff I let it go and here we are.

Q. How does this win, I'm not going to say compare to Wisconsin because that was your first, but set you up for the rest of the year now?

THOMAS BJØRN: You know, it's great, but those three days in Wisconsin were some of my favorite moments I'll look back at in my career. To be able to do this in our mid 50s and go out with a guy that you've known for over 30 years and played so much golf with, that was a fantastic experience.

But we come out here in an individual sport and we try and win individual golf tournaments all the time. I wanted to do this. Last year I got close a few times, this year I've been really close. I wanted to do this, and I enjoy this tour so much and to be out here and try and compete with these guys and get a win under your belt for yourself is a nice thing, but nobody will ever take that first one away from me. That was a very special moment for me and Darren.