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STUART MACDONALD

Q. How does it feel coming into -- I've asked this to a lot of the players who have stepped up here this week. How does it feel being at a course where you don't need to shoot 63, 62 to have a chance after the first couple rounds?

STUART MACDONALD: Yeah, it's kind of relieving. Like it rewards good ball-striking just like kind of overall good play. You don't feel like you have to make every 15-footer you look at. It's a nice change of pace for sure.

Q. What would you say has kind of been -- if you were to grade your season so far, what would you give it, either a letter grade or 1 to 10?

STUART MACDONALD: I'd probably give it in between C-plus and a B-minus. I feel like I've had my game a lot of the parts of the season. I just haven't gotten much out of my rounds. A bunch of finishing between 45th and 60 kind of thing where you just get four or five points and it just kind of feels like a waste of a week.

It's been close. It's been really close. But overall, yeah, it hasn't been too bad.

Q. Obviously many layers to it, but what does it mean to keep full status and know that worst case you have a full card out here for next year?

STUART MACDONALD: Yeah, definitely a little bit relieving. You definitely don't want to be on the bubble coming into the playoffs, which I wasn't, so that was helpful. Yeah, it's nice to be able to go out and play as free as I possibly can and not have to worry about having a job next year.

Q. What has fueled you in your career to keep going? I know you've had an interesting arc, some ups and downs. What's kept you fueled to chase it?

STUART MACDONALD: I guess the occasional here and there pretty good result just kind of brings you back. Also you just learn so much about yourself and about the game. It's interesting. It's hard. There aren't many things out there that are probably harder than golf. It's fun. It's rewarding when you play good golf. But it's kind of like fishing; you don't always catch the fish, and when you do, it's exciting, but it just kind of draws you back. Weird analogy.

Q. I don't know if this is a stretch or not, but is there a comfortability being in Indiana as someone that played at Purdue?

STUART MACDONALD: I think there probably is. I think just the grass is the same that we played off in college. Bentgrass is nice. We played our Big Ten tournament here I think my sophomore year. So I've played here before a couple times this week. Yeah, I think so.

Q. Did you play okay? What do you remember about that week?

STUART MACDONALD: I remember playing okay and not playing the final stretch very well, which I'm sure a lot of guys are probably struggling with it a little bit this week. I think I did okay.

Q. Kind of cliché, but what would you say this weekend means to you, the next couple days?

STUART MACDONALD: Just fun. My whole family is here, wife is here, brother is here. It's just nice to have company out this week. I think points-wise, I think I have to win to maybe have a chance. So I'm just kind of free-wheeling it.

Q. Is that does that does fuel you, knowing that if you win you can get on the PGA TOUR?

STUART MACDONALD: Yeah, definitely. Definitely. It's kind of freeing. I'm not like, oh, I have to finish top 10 to get my card. Really looking at the points, it's just like, win or it's not a big deal kind of thing, which is a rare feeling to have. Excited to be in a good position and see where the weekend goes.

Q. Are you surprised that 5-under is tied for the lead or is it just based on how the course is playing?

STUART MACDONALD: Maybe a little surprised. I thought maybe it would be two or three shots lower. But I just think it's a stressful week for a lot of guys, and a lot of guys probably are just feeling it a little bit and maybe not playing their "A" game. But the course is hard. It can really catch up to you if you're not careful. So yeah, I understand where 5 is T1.

Q. You're right at 50 now. Given how you've played, has the mentality going into the week good golf will take care of itself in terms of thinking of the final stage implications with that, and how do you feel like that describes what you've done for a couple days?

STUART MACDONALD: Yeah. I would obviously love to play final stage. I'd obviously love to win the golf tournament. But I'm just not thinking too much about it. Just kind of one step at a time. If you get ahead of yourself out here, you're going to get in trouble. So just one step at a time and see where that leads us.