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EUGENIO CHACARRA

MODERATOR: We'd like to welcome Eugenia Chacarra to the Puerto Rico Open. You're making your eighth start on Tour. What's it like to be here in Puerto Rico?

EUGENIO CHACARRA: Yeah, obviously had some chances when I was an amateur and I'm excited to finally have my first start as a pro on the PGA TOUR. It's a dream come true. It's a tour I grew up watching and what I dreamed of playing since I was little, so I'm really excited and grateful for the opportunity from the Tour and Puerto Rico Open to give me a chance to compete and see where my game's at and I'm excited to start the week.

Q. You're playing this week on a sponsor exemption. You were also a sponsor exemption when you won on the DP World Tour last year. Can you just talk about how much this opportunity means to you and if that's something that you thought about for this week?

EUGENIO CHACARRA: Yeah, obviously every time we tee off I try to win. I'm here to do my best. I had some success in the past in the professional world already. I already have three wins as a professional on three different tours.

So I'm excited to be here. Obviously I had a great couple weeks' prep to it and I feel like when I'm healthy and I'm happy, I have a chance to win every tour.

Obviously the goal is to try to win like I did in India. I'm a player that I just try to do my best and see where that gets me, but I'm just trying to see where my game's at with the PGA TOUR and the PGA TOUR players and try to improve, try to keep getting better. And I know if I keep doing that, one day I'll be on the PGA TOUR. I don't know if it will be after Sunday or in a couple months or in a couple years, but the goal is to be here one day.

MODERATOR: You've had a couple weeks off. Can you just talk about what you've been up to and how you've been preparing for this week?

EUGENIO CHACARRA: Yeah, it was a lot. I felt like last year when I won on the DP World Tour, I wasn't a member the first 15 weeks so I didn't play much. So I play a lot, I play 16 out of the last 18 weeks. I finished December 22 in Mauritius. I didn't really have any time off, just pre-season basically two days after that.

So starting the season DP World Tour with five straight weeks, it was a little too much and we decided to prepare with me and my team to prepare this tournament the right way, take some weeks off. And it was great, be back home with my family, my friends and working really hard with my coaches to get my game where we wanted for this week. I think we did a

great job.

Obviously Puerto Rico, it's a different grass than I have back home in Oklahoma and everything, so still (indiscernible) these couple days for it but I did awesome. I think my game's ready, I think I'm ready mentally and physically, and I'm excited for the opportunity and hopefully it goes well for me this week.

Q. You played nine holes today. What are your thoughts of the golf course and the state of your game heading into this week?

EUGENIO CHACARRA: Yeah, I think it was nice to see it yesterday and today and just get a little preparation of how to attack and how to play it.

Like I said, the grass is a little different. Paspalum grass, we haven't really played it much back in Europe or in the U.S. on the part that I am from. But it's nice, I feel it suits my game. And it's been pretty windy and it's supposed to be windy, so I think that makes the course tougher. Like I said, it's just to try to play my best and at the end of the day, if I play the way I played in the past and I know how to play, I like my chances on Sunday.

Q. What are your goals and expectations that you have for yourself for this week and also for the rest of the 2026 season?

EUGENIO CHACARRA: Yeah, obviously goal is to get my PGA TOUR card. I'm going to have some chances by the co-sanctioned events with the European Tour, hopefully some sponsor invites like this week.

But like I said, I have a chance to compete this week like I did last year in India and I'm going to take advantage of it. I prepare great for it. I feel my game is where it needs to be to be ready to compete and hopefully I can have a good week and just see what Sunday, what happens.

Golf changes very quick from one week to another. Like I said, it's just time to tee it off, see where my game's at and hopefully we can have a good week.

Q. Is there anything in particular that you've been working on for your game for this week?

EUGENIO CHACARRA: Yeah, there's always stuff. It's a sport that that we're always trying to find something. I feel like everyone, even Scottie, he's always up there and he's always winning and dominating this last year in the golf world. He's also trying to also get better and I think that comes along to every player. We're trying to do the best we can. Try to find something.

I have a couple new things in the bag. I have a new putter that -- didn't start this year really well with the putting and finally find one that I have a lot of confidence with. Obviously won't

know until we have tournament, but I feel very comfortable with it. And yeah, like I said, I'm rested and I'm happy, I'm excited to compete again and just very excited to be here and to have the best week I can.