

# WGC Dell Technologies Match Play

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## Kurt Kitayama

### Quick Quotes

**Q. Exciting finish to your match today. Moving on. Talk about the putt, first off, on the second playoff hole that got you to the round of 16.**

KURT KITAYAMA: Yeah, I mean, I had a similar putt earlier today. It was probably 10 feet longer. So I felt pretty good over it, really just knew I had to get it there. That was kind of my only thought is make sure I hit it.

**Q. Characterize your match that got you into that playoff a little bit today.**

KURT KITAYAMA: What's that?

**Q. Characterize the match that you won today that got you into the playoff.**

KURT KITAYAMA: Oh, yeah. I just felt really solid all day. I don't think I made a bogey. I hit a ton of great shots, and I think what helped in that playoff was I was putting it really well, and so when I came down to those putts on the two holes, I felt fairly comfortable and that helped.

**Q. Do you feel like your confidence is riding sort of at an all-time high coming off, obviously, Bay Hill, but you kind of feel comfortable in these situations?**

KURT KITAYAMA: Yeah, I mean, definitely it helps to be in those situations and every time you get back in it, it feels a little more comfortable. Something like this today was -- actually it felt pretty different. I wouldn't say I was comfortable, but I just had to continue like how I handled it at Bay Hill and CJ Cup and use that to this same situation.

**Q. What didn't maybe feel as comfortable today maybe that you had to rely on some of those past experiences?**

KURT KITAYAMA: I don't know, I just haven't really been in a playoff like that, winner goes on type of thing. So whenever you get uncomfortable like that, you try and go



back on the things that help you gain a little more comfortability, I guess.

**Q. Now you move on tomorrow. Do you know much about Andrew or his game?**

KURT KITAYAMA: Yeah, a little bit. I mean, I don't think just because of who I'm playing the strategy changes. I think how I'm playing the course, I'm just going to keep everything pretty similar. I think depending upon what shots he hits, that's kind of when the strategy changes, I think. But overall, it's not like I change my game plan just because I'm playing a different player.

**Q. What has been your game plan this week?**

KURT KITAYAMA: I don't know, I feel like we've just been playing like a normal tournament, really. Not trying to -- I've had situations where I need to be aggressive or anything. It feels fairly normal, I guess. Obviously, if you're second off and he hits it off the green and your shot's going to be a little more conservative, depending upon the pin. But, yeah, I guess.

**Q. Did you have a lot of match play experience before this week?**

KURT KITAYAMA: I'm trying to think. Not really. College I think we went to match play once. Can't really think of any. Maybe back home. We play match play all the time.

**Q. Do those little kind of money games you guys play at home, do those situations kind of help you? I know it's a little bit different, obviously, but at least knowing some of the feelings, some of the how you kind of feel during a match?**

KURT KITAYAMA: Yeah, I think so. Probably at home you're a little more aggressive, I guess, you know. Today I felt like I just think a little bit better around the course. A little more on the line. So can't just bomb driver everywhere. But, yeah.

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