The 149th Open

Mixed Zone Thursday, 15 July 2021 **Chrstiaan Bezuidenhout**

STUART MOFFATT: Christiaan, we'll make a start. How important was it to get off to a nice start in The Championship today?

CHRISTIAAN BEZUIDENHOUT: Yeah, I mean, it's really important to get off to a nice start. Golf course was pretty gettable this morning, pretty soft. You could attack the flags a little bit more than I think it's going to play over the weekend.

But, yeah, overall it was a solid day. I played solid tee to green, so really happy with where my game is at.

Q. There are fans out there following the golf. How enjoyable is it to play in front of lots of fans again?

CHRISTIAAN BEZUIDENHOUT: Yeah, it's been great to have the fans back, especially here in the U.K. where the fans enjoy the golf. They're nice to us golfers. Even if you don't hit a good shot, they clap you, they encourage you to go forward and just keep on playing.

So nice to have them back at the British Open. It's special to have them back.

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