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### **Peter Uihlein**

**Press Conference** 

Q. Peter, first of all, obviously a winner last week, and you've had time to process the win just after you did win in Qatar. How does it feel to have gotten over the line, first and foremost?

PETER UIHLEIN: Good, feels good. Obviously I didn't finish it in Thailand, so it was nice to kind of feel good getting the win while in contention again. Yeah, that felt nice. It was nice to see a lot of friends here this week too. So kind of just catching up with a lot of guys I haven't seen since Doral or Dallas. So it's been good.

## Q. Second win on the International Series as well. What is it you like so much about playing on this Tour?

PETER UIHLEIN: Global, I like the global aspect. I like traveling and going around and seeing different places and visiting old places that I haven't been to in a long time. Obviously Qatar, last time I was there was 2015. I was there for '12, '13, '14, '15 I played.

It was nice to go back. You get to go back and see places you haven't seen or you have seen. It's pretty cool.

Q. What makes you get to that stage where you can be winning? Obviously the last year you've played at the top, top level, but now you're winning professional tournaments.

PETER UIHLEIN: I feel like -- I'd like to say consistency, but I missed the cut the week before. I feel like I've been playing better. I've been playing more solid, I think.

Putting is obviously one of my strengths, so when I putt well, I tend to play well. That's always good.

#### Q. Have you made any changes at all?

PETER UIHLEIN: I've tried some stuff with the way I



interact with my lower body. I started that kind of around JCB time. Tried that at JCB and played well, and then immediately the next time I played was Fox Hills, and I played great.

#### Q. What did you change?

PETER UIHLEIN: Just trying to get my lower body more involved. Typically I never really moved my hips, so I'm trying to turn a little bit more in my hips, get my legs a little bit more involved. Like Vijay Singh, I love Vijay's swing and the way he kind of moves his lower body and rotates into his hips, that kind of image in my mind of what I'm trying to do. So I've been doing that for a little while, so it's been good.

#### Q. Did Thailand affect you a lot, what happened there?

PETER UIHLEIN: I think the heat affected me. It was so hot. I was pretty drained. Mentally I felt fine. I just didn't put them away Saturday. I think I had a lot of birdie looks midway through the round, and I just didn't capitalize on any of them.

Really just kind of should have put them away that day and didn't, and then kind of was subject to someone having a really good round to catch me. That's all that was.

#### Q. How are you approaching this week?

PETER UIHLEIN: Played a few yesterday, going to play today. But it's going to be kind of a late night, early morning. I played here six months ago whenever the Saudi Open was, so I'm kind of just seeing it again. I think they added a lot more trees, I've been told.

For the most part, it seems fairly similar to what it was when I was here, except it's about 40 degrees colder, which is nice.

Q. Obviously 1,000 points up for grabs. You're top of the rankings at the moment. Is that the goal to win the International Series rankings?

PETER UIHLEIN: That's been my goal since after Fox Hills was to try to win the International Series. Mainly because I -- you know, there's no guarantee, but I can say

. . . when all is said, we're done.

that -- I can plead because I know everyone who wins the Asian Tour gets into the PGA and The Open. If you win the International Series, maybe you can propose it to those guys, and the worst they can say is no.

So that's my goal is to try to win the International Series so I can try to get into those two majors. If not, it's fine. But yeah, it's a nice thing to add to the CV really.

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