

The Northern Trust

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Jersey City, New Jersey, USA

Liberty National Golf Club

John Mutch

Quick Quotes

Q. What's the weather report coming in here and why the suspension of play tomorrow to move it to Monday?

JOHN MUTCH: Well, we're in a tropical storm warning right now, and obviously it's been elevated to a hurricane status. It looks like it's on a path 80 to 85 miles to our east. They are expecting land fall, it could be anywhere but what I'm hearing is somewhere around Long Island. We are on the good side of it. But it's going to bring two to four inches of rain, wind, sustained winds, gusts to 35, maybe even up to 60 if we get on the wrong side of this.

For public safety, for everyone's safety, we felt it was the right thing to do.

Q. How are you guys going to prepare the golf course for the hurricane coming?

JOHN MUTCH: Well, might sound elementary but we are going to remove all the drain covers. We are going to probably run SubAir. The greens have SubAir here. The maintenance crew is fully staffed and we will just see what Henri brings and we'll handle it.

Q. How about the structures? Will you secure some of that stuff?

JOHN MUTCH: Totally. We are going to go behind the last group today and start buttoning it down. Move things that look like they could become airborne. We have a lot of different people here. We have ShotLink, television, agronomy staff, and the operations staff and everybody is going to work in their areas to secure everything, tents, things like that for sure.

Q. What will kind of dictate what time you guys will end up going and what you guys will do as far as tee times come Monday?

JOHN MUTCH: It will be whether or not we have a golf course and when we have it. Simple as that. When we have a golf course on Monday to play, we are going to



play.

Q. Probably split tees in threes?

JOHN MUTCH: Yes.

Q. Even with sketchy weather, do you think you have enough time to get it in?

JOHN MUTCH: Right now, Yes, I do. I think we do. We have at least a 7-hour window where we can play golf Monday and hopefully get a winner.

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