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Match Play

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Austin Country Club

Kevin Na

Quick Quotes

KEVIN NA: It's important in pride. Obviously I knew that I was going home, but we're playing for a lot of points out here. Every world ranking point matter, FedExCup point, and it's a shot for me to take down world No. 1.

Honestly this week -- yesterday I had a lot of back issues. I had my trainer come out and stretch me. Not that I'm making excuses, but I felt like today was the day I was most focused. I think it was because playing against world No. 1 I knew I had to bring it today, and on the back nine I did.

Q. There was a conversation you had on 11 with Dustin. Can you talk us through why that happened.

KEVIN NA: Yeah, so, I mean, I had about a two and a half, just inside three feet for a par uphill; it's straight putt, and his lipped out and everybody was like Ah, and he had six inches and obviously it's good, but I hadn't said anything and he whacked it.

And I was like -- and I froze there and looked at Kenny and I wasn't going to say that's a penalty, you're going to lose the hole. I was going to say, you know what, that was good anyway. I didn't want to be over that putt and be thinking about that. So I called him over and said, Hey, I'm not going to take the hole a from a you but I just want to let you know before I said something you whacked the ball. But I'm going to give that putt to you so we'll call it a halve and go to the next hole.

That's what we did. I think it's the right thing to do. I don't want to say -- we all know he can make a six inch putt, so I think I did the right thing.

Q. Did that alter the dynamic of the match?

KEVIN NA: No, we were going back and forth. I was 2-up early, lost it. He was up. We were trading punches. Some good birdies out there. I made some good putts.



No, I don't think so. Yeah, and I birdied the last two.

Q. So you feel no animosity or friction between you guys.

KEVIN NA: No, no, no. We took it well. Dustin is like, Hey, look it's your call. I said, no, it's a half. That's a par. It's a par. Yeah.

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