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TPC Southwind

Kurt Kitayama

Quick Quotes

Q. Talk us through that putt that sealed your trip to BMW.

KURT KITAYAMA: I was just trying to lag it up there. I saw I was kind of 44, 45 and I figured a par would be good. I just hit it with good speed, and it just went in. Kind of took a lot more pressure off.

Q. Did you pay attention to the boards today or just play your game?

KURT KITAYAMA: I did pay attention a little bit. I kind of knew, I felt like if I could get a couple under, I'd be -- give myself a good chance. Kind of got off to a tough start, and I had made a few nice birdies coming in. That helped a lot.

Q. Can you describe how the last month or so has gone being in the 130s in the FedExCup and now making it all the way to the BMW, securing your spot into all the Signature Events next year?

KURT KITAYAMA: Yeah, I mean, it's been stressful, I guess. But it's been good stress. Seen a lot of progress in my game through those last couple months. So now it really seems to kind of be working.

Q. You mentioned not the best start you wanted today, but how important was it to birdie 10 and 12?

KURT KITAYAMA: To get back under par was big. You know you have a few holes coming in that you can score on, and then 17 and 18 are really tough, so you kind of want to get under par before you get in there. Getting birdies there definitely helped.

Q. This was your best driving day of the week. What was the biggest difference in that part of your game today?

KURT KITAYAMA: I don't know, just seemed to click a little bit better today. Didn't feel too far off the first two



days, but today it definitely felt like I was swinging a little better.

Q. Everyone talks about the stress of the bubble. Is there anything that you can compare that stress to in your career?

KURT KITAYAMA: I don't know. I feel like trying to keep your card. Not quite as stressful as that because where we're at, it's a good spot to be. I don't know, it's hard to describe, I guess, how to compare it to, but it's definitely -- especially because top 50 gets you in all the Signature Events. That helps set your schedule for the next year. That's really big.

Q. How much does a week like this help your confidence?

KURT KITAYAMA: It helps a lot knowing I can get it done when I need to. I wasn't sure how I felt coming into today's round, and to be able to muster up some birdies down the stretch was really big.

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