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Quick Quotes

Q. Into the quarterfinals. Can you talk about that?

ALEJANDRO MADARIAGA: I feel very excited about it, yeah.

Q. Yeah. You had a nice stretch in there, 7 to 12. You won five of the six holes. Can you tell me about that stretch of golf?

ALEJANDRO MADARIAGA: Yeah, I mean, I was hitting -- at first I was kind of nervous and not hitting the ball so good.

After that on 7 I hit a great 3-iron to like 15 feet and drained the putt. So since then I start playing decent, make some birdies, and give me some opportunities with birdie as well.

Q. And then obviously this is a long day; two different matches. When you get to the end, is a lot of it more mental game?

ALEJANDRO MADARIAGA: Yeah, I think it gets pretty mental. You got to know your tendencies when you are tired. My tendencies when I'm tired I miss all the time to the right.

So I start playing a shot, kind of a fade. It helped me through the round.

Q. Can tell me about the birdies on 9 and 14?

ALEJANDRO MADARIAGA: On 9 I hit a driver to like 53 yards, I think. Then made a good shot and leave it to like eight feet and made the putt.

On 14 I didn't make birdie, but I went for it on 1, leave it on the greenside bunker and leave it to like five feet, and then I had two putts to win the match.

So I didn't make the greatest putt, but I leave it to like six inches, so win the match.

Q. Do you have a lot of match play experience you can draw on coming into this week?

ALEJANDRO MADARIAGA: Not really. In Mexico we play once a year match play event and I have played only one time in the U.S. match play event. That's it.

Q. Going into tomorrow, the quarterfinals, what's your mindset?



ALEJANDRO MADARIAGA: I mean, just hole by hole, shot by shot. I mean, don't get frustrated if you made bad shots. Just going to be one hole. Try to give myself some opportunities.