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Jaravee Boonchant

Quick Quotes



THE MODERATOR: Joined now by Jaravee Boonchant. Jaravee, what were some of the key differences that you saw in your round today compared to yesterday?

JARAVEE BOONCHANT: I would say my tee shot wasn't as good as yesterday. So I put myself in a lot of rough. I only hit seven fairways today. But my approach shot was still like okay. Like, that should be helping me a lot. I was able to hit 16 greens. But just some of the putts didn't drop as I expected. But overall I'm still happy with how I played today.

THE MODERATOR: You still had, what, five birdies on the day. So what does that say about your ability to kind of recover and still take advantage of the scoring opportunities?

JARAVEE BOONCHANT: Well, being able to hit more greens than I expected really helped like giving me more comfort. Like I'm not too much -- I don't have too much pressure on the tee shot even though like my shot went that way it's like, Eh, it's not that great. But starting the round with nine greens on the front nine really gave me confidence that no matter where I hit my tee shot I can still hit the green and still have a chance to have a birdie putt.

THE MODERATOR: Yesterday you talked about what you would take away from yesterday's round, with just kind of being in the moment, being, playing your game. How well did that work for you today and was there anything else that you maybe pulled from yesterday to kind of work on or put you in the position you are now?

JARAVEE BOONCHANT: Well, I was trying really hard not to look at the leaderboard, but I got to admit that there's some times that it just comes across my mind or sometimes you just see it because it's behind the green. But, yeah, just trying my best to talk to my caddie, distract myself from thinking about the results. I think I was able to do somewhat okay today and hopefully I can continue doing that on the weekend.

THE MODERATOR: As you got ready for this event what were some things that you were looking to take advantage of here at Highland Meadows?

JARAVEE BOONCHANT: Honestly, I didn't have like a great six weeks before this event. I think, I believe I missed all the cuts. Especially after the U.S. Open at Pebble Beach. I played well on the first day, but I just played bad on the second day to miss the cut by one stroke.

Coming into this week I was just trying to stay focused and just trying to take it hole by hole, shot by shot, not thinking too much about the cut line. Just stay within myself, stay within my game. Yeah, I didn't really have any expectation coming in. But, yeah, just kind of just go with the flow and keep going.

THE MODERATOR: I think we, I've heard that before from Ariya yesterday. She said she has no expectations, just come in and play her game. When you think like that, how does that kind of elevate your play when you're just going shot to shot to shot instead of thinking like a bigger picture?

JARAVEE BOONCHANT: Yeah, I think that just made me like more focussed as I said. And also I was able to stay in the present more and just try to enjoy golf, rather than thinking about, Oh, I need to make a cut, I need to make a top 10 to get into this and this event. Yeah, I think it just freed up my mind a lot and I just played golf.

THE MODERATOR: We heard that the par-5s here are pretty prime for some scoring opportunities. You birdied two of 'em, parred the other one. Just what are some of the key insights to those holes?

JARAVEE BOONCHANT: Honestly, just need to hit the fairway and leave yourself where you feel like at the distance you feel comfortable to go for the green. I think that way you will have a good chance to make a birdie. Just, yeah, trying to put yourself in a good opportunity.

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