The Annika driven by Gainbridge at Pelican

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Bianca Pagdanganan

Quick Quotes

BIANCA PAGDANGANAN: So I saw my ball -- I didn't see it go in the water but I kind of had a feeling. For some reason I kind of knew I was going to par that hole. I don't know, one way or another I was going to par it.

But, yeah, I hit my second shot, and I don't know -- or rather my third shot and I think it was mostly adrenaline. I carried that pitching wedge a little bit further than normal today.

Q. What was the number?

BIANCA PAGDANGANAN: It was I think 132. I didn't even hit it full, so I just carried it a little past the hole. I looked at Brandon and I was like at least it stopped up there. Then I kind of got a good read off of Nanna's putt.

I don't know. I hit it and I was just like, I think it's going to go in.

Q. So you come in on the outside looking in at 101. Right now projected at 93. Looks like you're okay.

BIANCA PAGDANGANAN: I have this thing of leaving it to the last minute. I don't know. I did the same thing last year. I still haven't figured out how the points system works so I mean, if that's where I'm projected to be then it's great. I don't think I want to figure out how the points system works. I think I'll keep it that way.

Yeah, a little bit of a stretch the last two weeks. I knew that I needed two good weeks and it was a little bit tough because, I mean, I don't want to be that person, but when you kind of look back at I guess how I finished in the previous years, like Hawai'i wasn't my strongest.

Q. Uh-huh.

BIANCA PAGDANGANAN: So coming into that week, I don't know, I needed to have a shift in mindset, you know. I knew I was hitting good.



I was in Maybank the week before and my game felt great. You know, if I could keep the same mindset, you know, that free -- I don't know, I felt a little bit more free when I played that week.

So I just told myself, if you get out of your own way and you feel a little bit freer when you're playing, then you could give yourself, you know, good shots and hopefully good results.

Q. Do you find that when you're under pressure that it focuses you more or what happens there?

BIANCA PAGDANGANAN: I think so.

Q. You know, I just remember going all the way back to the NCAAs. It was when you were in the clutch that you played your best.

BIANCA PAGDANGANAN: Uh-huh.

Q. I just wonder if it's something that you may fall asleep at the switch there for a while in mid-season.

BIANCA PAGDANGANAN: I know. I know. I don't know. It's funny because like, again, heading to these -- I guess even this week, in my head I was just like, you know, it's a big week, and I knew it was going to be a big week. I try to convince myself it's just another week; it's not.

But I guess I do thrive under pressure.

Q. Uh-huh.

BIANCA PAGDANGANAN: Maybe try not to stretch it that thin towards the end of the season. But I do enjoy it. I like being able to deliver in those moments.

Like they say, pressure is privilege, and I don't know, there is just something about it where I'm able to pull all these shots out of nowhere.

I did have a lot of opportunities early in the round; wasn't able to convert any of it. I kind of knew that eventually my

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putts were going to drop, and they did when I made the turn.

Q. Yeah. And you now have the freedom to go back to Philippines; when are you headed out?

BIANCA PAGDANGANAN: I told myself last week I was going to go home after this week, so hopefully next week. I have yet to figure out my travel schedule, but hopefully by next week I'll be home. I love being home for the holidays. I'm really close to my siblings to really looking forward to spending some time with them.

So hopefully next week.

Q. And you got couple weddings coming yeah, right?

BIANCA PAGDANGANAN: I do. My brother is getting neared in January and I have a couple other friends getting married next year. Probably have around four or five next year. I don't know if I'll be able to make it to most of them.

Yeah, it'll be fun.

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