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Pajaree Anannarukarn

Quick Quotes

Q. All right, very pleased to be joined by Pajaree Anannarukarn here at the Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions. Take us through the round today. Got to play with a couple soccer players, Brandon Donovan and Brandi Chastain.

PAJAREE ANANNARUKARN: Yeah, it's good to be back. Especially in this format you get to play with the celebrities, with one of the best athletes out there. It was a great experience. Again, I really enjoy playing with them.

They were all very nice. It's amazing to see how good they are with other sport, not just their own. So it was a lot of fun.

Q. And then take us through No. 14 in particular. Not only you had an eagle but Brandi immediately after. Take us though that hole.

PAJAREE ANANNARUKARN: It was amazing to be honest. Like one in a million. Like I wouldn't never thought I would hole-out that hole, like that shot. But it was a really solid hit and straight, pretty much like straight at the pin, spin back.

It was a lot of fun. Just walk a few maybe 15 yards after the, 20 yards after that, she holed her shot again. It was amazing to watch. It was just incredible moment.

Q. Everybody ahead of you went off the back first. What was the difference between the two nines?

PAJAREE ANANNARUKARN: To me, honest, I think both the front and the back nine, you have some really shorter irons maybe in front nine.

But the back nine you have a little bit more longer irons, so a little bit longer distance. But I think that's just advantage going in the morning as well. Like the greens are very receptive and you hit some really good shot and just didn't really lose much.

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I think that just a little bit of advantage going, yeah.

Q. Any the other celebrities out here, anybody you met that you were excited to meet or you want to meet?

PAJAREE ANANNARUKARN: Everyone to be honest. I don't have like specific person that I would love to, but I mean, they all very nice. This is my fourth time here playing at the Tournament of Champions so it was they nice to get to meet them again like from last year and previous years.

It was nice to catch up and able to meet new people, new celebrities. Again, it's amazing to watch how they perform in not just their own sport, but able to be out here and play some really good golf.

Q. Have you made some friendships because of this tournament?

PAJAREE ANANNARUKARN: Yeah, definitely. So I'm from Thailand and I need to catch some of the football and soccer players. You know, like to be honest I need to watch more so I did some like homework, doing some research trying to understand the sport itself.

I think it's just, again, being amazing to watch how good they are with this golf because it's not easy.

Q. Are you happy with your start? Feel like you're in a good spot?

PAJAREE ANANNARUKARN: Yeah, I think I play some really good golf the front nine, as well as the back nine. Just really missing a couple shots out there. But I think just golf, it happens. I'm really happy with how I started the first tournament, first round of the year.

Q. International Crown year. A lot of great Thai players on the Tour looking to defend. How excited are you to compete with Jeeno, the Jutanugarns, to try to get on the Thai team?

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PAJAREE ANANNARUKARN: Yeah, it would be honor to be able to represent the country. Again, they were able to secure the win and it would be amazing to be on a team. Again, I think whoever perform well, then deserve to be on that position. I think it would be such a great experience.

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