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Golf Clubs at The Tribute

Atthaya Thitikul

Quick Quotes

Q. All right, here with Atthaya Thitikul after her second round here in Texas. I know you said this course is challenging for you. Let's talk about the challenges first. I saw you had one double bogey there. What happened there? Obviously your round was better after that. Just take us through that challenge there.

ATTHAYA THITIKUL: Obviously actually, you know, like when I going to started, like before the first round, I just told myself and my manager, my caddie, that make the cut is good enough for me here on this course because, yeah, like you said, it's challenging for me as well.

I mean, what's challenging is I think it's so different from last week. I mean, it's dry and it's run-out pretty much, and then, yeah, it's so many bunker in my way on the first tee.

But, yeah, but I just kept, you know, like don't think too much on the course. That why I can play well these two days.

I just think I just like easy mistake that I made. But oh, well. I just (indiscernible.)

Q. Did you find a fairway bunker there on nine? Is that what happened?

ATTHAYA THITIKUL: No, no. I just hit it in the fairway, but I just go like left bunker.

Q. Okay.

ATTHAYA THITIKUL: Left side bunker.

Q. Okay. Cool. Then obviously really good round. Let's talk about the end of the round today. Ended with an eagle and then a birdie. Take us through that eagle on 17.

ATTHAYA THITIKUL: 17 just reachable par-5. I mean



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everyone can catch it from the second shot. I hit pretty good, I mean, on the second because it's really tough pin today on 17 because like right on the top, back, and then had a long putt as well but just make it. I don't know how it's go in.

Q. How long would you say?

ATTHAYA THITIKUL: It's really long. Like 40.

Q. 40 feet?

ATTHAYA THITIKUL: 30, 40, yeah.

Q. Obviously this course is different from last week you've said. So what did you have to do to be able to perform so well here with all the changes?

ATTHAYA THITIKUL: Yeah, obviously I don't know -- I don't really know about like how I can play really well -- like really well in my mind.

I mean, like I think because I don't really think too much, like I said, because I said before I don't really suit this course. I mean, like you have -- I had to be really patient on it, even you had a good shot or bad shot.

And then, I mean, the green is really tough this week. I have to put myself in a good position on the safe zone.

Q. Is it true at the beginning of the week when you were practicing you said you didn't think you would play well here?

ATTHAYA THITIKUL: Yeah. It's true. You can ask everyone, like my manager, my caddie. It's true.

Q. Okay. Last question: How would you say your course management skills are? Is that the key to playing in all these different courses, playing consistent? How is your course management and how do you practice that, I guess?

ATTHAYA THITIKUL: Golf is challenging, because like I said, you change the course every week and then you have to adjust yourself to the course every week as well.

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different. So I think we get used to it, how to, you know,
like adjust to the course.

But some week we did great; some week we did not. But
like just trying to keep as good as possible, you can do.

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