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Yu-Sang Hou

Quick Quotes



Q. Here with Yu-sang Hou. Start off with today. Another 3-under round; second round in the 60s through six rounds here at Q-Series. Just evaluate your round.

YU-SANG HOU: Today definitely have a lot of things that I can do better, and looking forward for the next two rounds. Good thing is at least it's somewhere that I'm familiar with, that we played last year, and the weather seems like it's pretty good so far, so I'm really looking forward for the next two rounds.

Q. And I know not the way you wanted to finish, but did anything stand out out there today? You made some birdies and had some good holes out there.

YU-SANG HOU: I had a really good start for the first three holes. I birdie my first three holes. I kind of like not feeling that good with my game when I am warming up, but just talking to Viv on my phone just helped me a lot, yeah.

Q. Walk me through the first hole. I saw you hit your tee shot. It hit a tree, didn't it? Where did you end up and just walk me through that hole.

YU-SANG HOU: So I hit the tree, perfectly hit the corner, and bounced right back to the like -- I had a shot for my second shot, so I was able to hit it out a little short and then I chip in for my birdie.

Q. 2 and 3, what happened on those two holes?

YU-SANG HOU: So the second hole I hit a really good second shot to around like seven, eight feet. Next hole the same thing. I pretty much have like eight, nine feet, yeah.

Q. We talked about it a little bit, but you obviously were here last year.

YU-SANG HOU: Uh-huh.

Q. What kind of advantage is that? I know I always feel like you don't want to be back here, let's be

honest, but the fact that you were just here, it probably helps a little bit I would imagine.

YU-SANG HOU: It helps a lot, and especially when I'm preparing. It takes a lot of pressure out, at least like the practice round you don't to have wear yourself out because you know what you're expecting, yeah.

Q. You mentioned Viv. Vivian Hou. I know little sis isn't here this week. Unfortunately missed out at Q-II. What's it like not having her here? I know that's different for you guys.

YU-SANG HOU: It is. We travel a lot together, pretty much everywhere, and then it's just a little different because I rely on her a lot, like mentally and everything.

But I was able to find a roommate that's she is also playing this week that. That helps a little bit. Just I've been talking to her on the phone pretty much every morning, yeah, at least she is still like -- at the time change she didn't do much difference, but I just really hope that she's here, too.

Q. What does she do I guess for your confidence? It's kind of funny, you would think it would be the opposite. I know she's your biggest support system out here.

YU-SANG HOU: Uh-huh, yeah, she is. And then especially I feel like on the golf course, and I feel like most of the time she's more mature and then her mentally is more tougher and like more stable, so I talk to her a lot. Every time I talk to her, I just feel so much better.

Q. This year obviously played on the LPGA Tour; rookie this year. I know not the best season that you may have wanted but, again, what did you learn? You had to learn a lot out there this year.

YU-SANG HOU: So much. I couldn't even count it. I just learned so much about the whole year, like off-season, like when you play like three, four, five weeks during the season, and then just how to manage myself. I know my game so much better.

And just in general, just know what's going on out there. It just helps so much for next year.

Q. How did that help you really prep for this week? Again, we talked about being here before, but being out there this year, I'm sure you were like, you know what, I belong out here; I see the things I need to make changes on and I'm going to come to Q-Series and make those changes?

YU-SANG HOU: It's just like you've been competing the really high level and see so many good players out there, and you know that you're right there. Especially I feel like I'm just so close to there and just need to do some little changes. Now that I'm working with a new coach since last -- no, this summer, so it's been working pretty well towards the good direction.

Q. Finally, what's the best piece of advice Vivian has given you this week? Or even last week. Throughout Q-Series, let's put it that way.

YU-SANG HOU: She actually like just relax and take whatever is happening. Just one step at a time. Yeah, she just want me to believe in myself.

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