TOTO Japan Classic

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Linn Grant

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Q. All right, here with Linn Grant after the first round of the TOTO Japan Classic. Really great day; leader in the clubhouse right now. Just talk about how it went for you.

LINN GRANT: Very good. I mean, I just had a very nice like day out there. I had a pretty set plan on how I wanted to play today, and I just followed that, which made it very simple in my head.

I didn't stress over anything really. Very luckily I hit 18 greens which makes golf a lot easier. Overall very happy and hope that I can continue with this for the rest of the week.

Q. Can you walk us through that plan that you had you said kind of going into it today?

LINN GRANT: Yeah, I mean, playing two years ago I really enjoyed playing here, so knowing that the fairways are very narrow, I knew that if I was hitting my driver well that would help a lot.

So just really committing to my lines off the tees, but also all the greens slope like back to front, so I just thought that I want to be short of the pin all the time and give myself an opportunity to have uphill putts.

Having kind of that set picture in my head on every hole really made it simple to just commit to hitting.

Q. So finished third in 2022. Did you think this course fitting your eyes?

LINN GRANT: Yeah, I was just saying like I only have good memories from playing here two years ago, so going out today I was just like feeling very positive and kind of having like already knowing the tee shots and what to hit into the greens.

Kind of how some of the greens are really slopey. Knowing that gave me some extra confidence out there.



Q. Have you ever been to Japan before 2022.

LINN GRANT: No.

Q. What do you think about Japan? What did you like about Japan?

LINN GRANT: I like it. It's very different from Sweden. I like it. It's fun to try different new things like different foods. People here are nice and respectful and polite, which just gives a nice environment to be in.

Q. What do you think about Japanese crowd today?

LINN GRANT: I thought they were really good. Like I said, very respectful. You get applause when you walk up on the tee which is very different, very nice. And just it's a crowd that likes to watch good golf which then makes me want to play good golf, so it's a good circle.

Q. Everyone all over the world are so impressed with your beautiful swing. When you swing, anything you are aware of or what kind of things are you aware of?

LINN GRANT: Today I was very focused on my tempo, feeling like I'm not stressing my swing; taking it very not slow but an easy movement that feels like one movement; just not feeling stressed when I take the club back and just have a nice flow.

Q. What's your mindset for tomorrow?

LINN GRANT: I think my plan worked very well today so I think I'm just going to go out and try to do the same. Kind of not be too aggressive on the pins. Just give myself a lot of green hits and have a lot of birdie putts. I hope that will be a good recipe for tomorrow as well.

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