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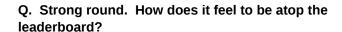
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Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Oakdale Golf & Country Club

C.T. Pan

Quick Quotes

Q. Strong round. How does it feel to be atop the leaderboard?

C.T. PAN: It feels great. It's always cool to see my name on the top of the leaderboard. Not just leaderboards, just to be in contention. That's all I want to do before the tournament started. Finished birdie, birdie. That put me in a good spot. But I still got a lot of work to do.

Q. There's a group of six players tied for second, just two strokes behind you. What do you have to do to stay atop the leaderboard and win tomorrow?

C.T. PAN: I played well the first three rounds. So, course management, I won't do too much to change. But you still have to play aggressive, because this course it's a lot of rough, but if you hit it in the fairway you will have a lot of short irons in and you're going to create a lot of birdie opportunities. So I wouldn't be surprised if someone shoots 8-, 9-under, because the PGA TOUR guys are really good.

Q. It's obviously a very different kind of crowd out there. Very loud. Especially around the 14th hole. What did you think of the Rink and that sort of party scene on the back nine?

C.T. PAN: Yeah, that was wild. Very wild. Especially for me. I was out for five months and coming back here and to have that welcoming and really cool party. I almost had to take an extra deep breath after that hole, just to keep my tempo, keep my momentum going. It's a really cool vibe and I think they did a really good job.

Q. What do you remember about your days playing on the Canadian TOUR here, the PGA TOUR Canada?

C.T. PAN: My days? Obviously, I had two wins. So I won twice. And, of course, I remember the, my second win. I think I had to, I think I birdied the last five holes to get in a playoff. And I birdied the next two playoff holes to win the PGA TOUR Canada, the event. So that was really cool. I will always remember the hole I started birdieing. I told

myself, I need some magic to happen right now, and it did.

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