U.S. Adaptive Open

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Woodmont Country Club (South Course)

Issa Nlareb

Quick Quotes

Q. Issa Nlareb, congratulations. As it stands right now, looks like you'll be the winner in your category. 1-under overall for the championship; 70 today. Can you just talk about what that would mean.

ISSA NLAREB: I'm happy to defend my winning this week again. Was not what I expect, but I put myself in a lot of pressure for prepare for this event because it's a big event.

For me this winning is very good. I'm happy. I'm proud of my people putting everything together. Like Evian Resort and (indiscernible) push me to continue to enjoy my career, so I'm happy for this winning.

Q. And speaking to the Adaptive Open and your preparation, talk a little bit more about how you prepared for the championship and then how you saw that reflected this week.

ISSA NLAREB: Yeah, when I follow the world ranking and you have event like U.S. Adaptive Open, it's a big event so I get to prepare on time on everything. Over here we get the best player in the world. Over here I'm No. 7 this week, but the first ten are in this event, so you will have that chance to challenge the people you never challenge.

Now adaptive golf is not that develop so we don't have the amount of competition where we can join the best player, so this U.S. Adaptive event is the big one. You can see many player around and many good player around.

So for me, I prepare since last month. Like today I finish and I start prepare myself for the next year, because I know we are inspire people. We inspire the young generation and we get to challenge them tomorrow.

Q. Talk about also how your game felt at Woodmont this week compared to Sand Creek Station last year.

ISSA NLAREB: Yeah, my game move forward. I really have this issue that I don't have a lot of sponsor to sponsor myself to go for some event. I prepare myself at home. I don't play a lot of competition.

I played in third division Europe this year. I play just one event. I'm a pro, because I play one event because I don't have a sponsorship to go prepare myself and to see my level.

But between the ear I would say in Sand Creek I was not that bad, but today I winning more because I have practice a lot with the big coach in the world, like Tiger Wood coach, and I practice with Rose in Washington.

So I'm happy. I think I'm grow, yeah.

Q. You said you practiced with Rose? Rose Zhang?

ISSA NLAREB: Yeah, was good.

Q. Oh, wow. How was that?

ISSA NLAREB: She give my a lot of tips because my ball was finish every time to the left, so she correct me. Everything was perfect, yeah.

Q. And you said Tiger Woods' coach?

ISSA NLAREB: Yeah, I was working with Chris Como in Texas. I also work with John Gusman in Florida. So this make me grow and I enjoy all my game.

Q. 70 today is pretty good.

ISSA NLAREB: Yeah, it's good. I think it's not easy to keep this type of energy for three day, so it's very good for me. I'm happy.

Q. Last question: What's next for you on the schedule this summer or in general?

ISSA NLAREB: I'm happy I'm 7 in the world ranking. I invited in England to play the G4D event in the end of August.

So that's my next event. I will prepare now because that's G4D. We are 11 player, the first 11 player in the world, so it's a big challenge also. So I prepare myself for that. I wish I will play more.

Q. Anymore coaching with Rose or with Chris?

ISSA NLAREB: Yeah, I keep in contact with them and I will try to go forward with them, because it's very important you have someone look your game outside and told you what you do.

Because I'm a golf teacher also. I like to share my passion with people. I know about the golf. But I need someone to see me and tell me what you do wrong. Even like someone tell me it's just your shot. Your swing is good. That's the most question in golf. Everything playing between our two ear. If everything is good there, you can hit the ball where you want.

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