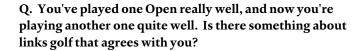
The 153rd Open

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Sadom Kaewkanjana



SADOM KAEWKANJANA: Honestly, I play in my country, have no like links course before. So when I play links course, it's a new experience for me. I really enjoy to play a links course. It's fun to play with a windy course and tough conditions. So very enjoy to play on a links course.

Q. You felt very confident today when you started?

SADOM KAEWKANJANA: Yeah, of course because maybe I play in the Asian professional, Sampson and Riki is very nice guys.

Q. You're obviously an ordained Monk, perhaps a historic performance really given your background. Does it make you proud of what you've achieved, having also taken on those extra responsibilities in life?

SADOM KAEWKANJANA: Yeah, it's my responsibility in Thailand, so I think it's a new experience being a Monk. They help like more concentrate on the golf course or outside the golf course. It's made me a lot of focus. Forget everything outside, just live in the present. So I really enjoy being a Monk.

Q. Has it really equipped you well for this sort of stage? Just in terms of a Zen state of mind.

SADOM KAEWKANJANA: Stay in the present, just stay in my mind.

Q. Can you tell us about your eagle today.

SADOM KAEWKANJANA: Yeah, on hole No. 5, I hit very good driver. I think it's a lucky bounce from the green, bounce forward to the pin position and on the green. Then have a good putt.

Q. How far was the putt?

SADOM KAEWKANJANA: I think 20 feet. 20 feet, yeah.

Q. On No. 16, did you deliberately hit on the left side with



your tee shot there?

SADOM KAEWKANJANA: Yeah, I plan to play on the left side because it's easier than the shot on the right-hand side. It's lucky to make the long putt for the birdie, but very enjoy it. Very happy to make the birdie on this hole.

Q. The logo on your chest, what is this of?

SADOM KAEWKANJANA: It's my sponsor, Singha. It's a drinking water.

Q. Did your luggage turn up finally?

SADOM KAEWKANJANA: Yeah, finally. I get back yesterday around 8:00 p.m.

Q. Just one suitcase?

SADOM KAEWKANJANA: Yeah, just one. Very happy.

Q. Can you explain how your perspective on life and on golf as well has changed the past couple years?

SADOM KAEWKANJANA: I travel a lot around Asia. I like to travel in Asia and maybe in Europe, so I really enjoy to play professional golf and very happy when I have to play on a golf course, like links course is a new experience. So very enjoy it.

Q. How do you view the rest of the week now that you've had such a good start?

SADOM KAEWKANJANA: I don't know that.

Q. The rest of the week, how do you feel looking ahead?

SADOM KAEWKANJANA: Very excited to play. Very excited to play and very excited to watch the top players play in the same conditions, same golf course, and learn how to play like them.

Q. You're only 27, but a career beyond golf, would you then look to dedicate yourself to Buddhism?

SADOM KAEWKANJANA: My goal is like I want to play in the Masters my whole life. I want to play one time. So to get in



the world ranking into the top 50, that's my goal.

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