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Minjee Lee

Quick Quotes

Q. Here with Minjee Lee. Minjee, a 4-under day for you out there. I know, a little bit of a lip-out on the final hole there, but take me through day one here in Toledo.

MINJEE LEE: Yeah, I was striking it really well. Drove it really well today. Hit some really good iron shots and had four birdies and no bogeys, so I don't think I can complain, regardless of not making two birdies on the last two par-5s.

Q. What is it about coming back to this event and this area? You seem to shine every time we're here, but you shine in a lot of places as well.

MINJEE LEE: I just think it's very homey. Just feels like we're kind of coming back home. Like it's just very lovely hospitality. We get great crowds here. I think just a lot of people really enjoy golf around this area, so I think it kind of translates into us.

We love to see people out and about and we love to play in front of them, so, yeah, I think that's why it's so nice here.

Q. Yeah. I know Canada wasn't what you envisioned, but to be back here and rested and feeling better, what's it like to see a score like that after last week?

MINJEE LEE: I mean, I just came into today with not too high of expectations. I was just going to see where my game was at with having a week off last week.

Yeah, no, I feel like I'm in a pretty good place and I can improve on today going into tomorrow, so hopefully, yeah, some low scores tomorrow and on the weekend.

Q. Yeah. This is definitely a ball-striker's course and you've been incredible with your iron play this year. Do you feel like that sets up the best for your game whenever you're visit is spot like this where the bombers might not have the advantage that they do week to week?



MINJEE LEE: I think so. I mean, it's actually playing quite soft, and usually sometimes I feel like it's a little bit faster around the greens and just around like the fairways and stuff.

But I feel like length really does help, regardless of where you go. Definitely a second-shot golf course, so it is nice to have my irons in a solid place.

Q. This is a place that you've done well, like I said before. Are there some holes that are your favorites to attack when you come here?

MINJEE LEE: There is a couple really nice holes. I mean, some really small greens, like even the 1st hole. I know the first shot is funky, but the green's actually pretty smart how they've done hole.

So I feel like there is a lot of good holes out here. Nothing that really super stands out, but I enjoy walking down the fairways.

Q. What will you take from this first day as you get ready for tomorrow?

MINJEE LEE: Maybe just take an extra look around the greens. I feel like I struggled a little bit with just the reads on the front nine, which was my back nine, so I feel like maybe just a little bit extra focus there and see how I go with those little like mid-short, mid-putts.

Q. When you say a little bit more focused there, what do you do extra that you didn't do today, or is it just feeling it out?

MINJEE LEE: You just look from the sides, a different angle that maybe you would be able to see a different break or a better read on.

Q. Yeah, thank you, Minjee.

MINJEE LEE: Thank you.

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