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Golf Clubs at The Tribute

Moriya Jutanugarn

Quick Quotes

Round one:

Q. All right, here with Moriya Jutanugarn after her first round here in Texas. Take me through some of the highlights of round. What was really working for you today?

MORIYA JUTANUGARN: I mean, it just like, you know, starting to make some more putts on the back nine. And, I mean, it's make pretty tough out there. Like the greens is firm and it's quite windy, but I'm sure it's a lot windier this morning.

Q. Yeah.

MORIYA JUTANUGARN: We got pretty lucky.

Q. How did you manage the challenge of the wind today? I know it was a little less but still wind.

MORIYA JUTANUGARN: Yeah, well, I mean, it's just like some of the hole you can't really like get really close so you just have to take, you know, like 20, 30-foot putts and just kind of like play the game out there.

You know, like just you have to like a little like plan for it, like where you want to hit on the greens and stuff like that.

Q. Yeah. Would you say your birdies today came off long putts? I just saw this last one. Was that how most of them were coming today?

MORIYA JUTANUGARN: There is some short putt -- there is some, like I hit it closer like when I had a shorter irons into the hole, but most of the times you just have to like, you know, trying to make putts from like 20, 25-footer.

Q. I saw a couple bogeys early, but then you really recovered and went bogey-free for the rest and lots of birdies. How did you turn it around out there?



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MORIYA JUTANUGARN: Well, for me it's more like, you know, what I've been working on, like I just working on my commitment. Like the front nine just kind of not really the way I wanted to feel or the way I wanted to do, and I just like start over again on the back nine and just trying to commit with the shot as much as I can.

Q. Can I ask what felt off at the beginning? What was it that felt off?

MORIYA JUTANUGARN: Just more like I don't really trusting my decisions and I kind of doubt myself and stuff like that.

Q. Okay. Well, you ended really good. How exciting is it to have such a good first round and how do you carry that into tomorrow?

MORIYA JUTANUGARN: I mean, you know, it's good. Like the back nine, it's a lot more good things to take from today. And, you know, like it's a lot better than the front nine, like how I want to feel and how I want to commit my -- with my decision, which is good.

I didn't really pay attention on like how I hit the shot and stuff. It's just like I want to do small goals every day.

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