

Fortinet Founders Cup

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Sharon Heights Golf & Country Club

Minjee Lee

Quick Quotes



Q. Here with Minjee Lee after the second round of the Fortinet Founders Cup. Two solid rounds back to back here. Talk about it out there.

MINJEE LEE: Yeah, there was not too much wind today but I think the greens were a little bit firmer on some of them come this afternoon.

So it played a little bit different to yesterday morning, but I think overall, I mean, I did have a few more bogeys today but a few more birdies.

So a little bit of things to clean up, but I think I'm in a pretty nice position going into the weekend.

Q. Do you feel like you were anticipating some of those changes in the course coming into this week?

MINJEE LEE: I think Mikey told me they're probably going to stop watering the greens, like less and less over the course of the week. So it was playing quite soft when I played the first like two practice rounds and even in had the pro-am, but, yeah, they're starting to look a little more brown on the greens, and even the fairways you can see like where it's burnt out a little bit.

So I think it's probably not going to be as warm maybe the next two days so maybe it will soften up a little bit. I think it'll still be a little bit firm.

Q. How do you think this course changes when it dries out a little bit? How are you adjusting to this course specifically?

MINJEE LEE: I think it's more hitting into the greens. They're just taking one big bounce and then maybe stopping or just like releasing out a little bit maybe a couple meters extra. Yeah, just hitting it a little bit short of the pins. Sometimes you got to take 15 feet up the hill in some spots you don't really want to be in.

But there are a lot of undulations around the greens where you can use the slope so I think it's just playing smart and

being patient out there.

Q. You had those four birdies in a row on the back nine. What was it about that stretch that was clicking?

MINJEE LEE: I was a little bit fed up with myself because I made two bogeys in a row. They were a little bit soft. Then I was like, I do not want to be over par today. I just kind of tried to kick myself in the bum a little bit and get cracking.

I did hit a few really nice -- two were from off the greens so the putts from off the greens were nice to like see go in. Then the next two were just nice. One was short and one was a little longer. I think maybe like seven meters or something.

It was just a nice stretch to finish. I finished with a bogey which is okay, despite the score.

Q. And lastly, you came from Australia to this week. Can you talk about that travel and what it was like to kind of get adjusted?

MINJEE LEE: We were a little lucky because there was a direct flight from Adelaide to San Fran and it got us in on Monday lunch time. With jet lag it was a little bit better than make going to the east coast.

I still have trouble sleeping but just getting used to it a little bit by little come the -- throughout the week. I guess I'm getting a little better with sleep. Yeah, it's fine. A lot of girls came over from Australia to play this event, too, so I don't think we can really complain about it.

Q. What was it that went into building your schedule? You knew you were going to have to do that travel. This is a new location. Does that have any influence when you were looking at your schedule?

MINJEE LEE: Not really. I didn't want to not play enough events in the first stretch because obviously I didn't play TOC and Thailand.

So I would've only played three events in the first I don't



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know maybe 10 or 11. So I just want to try and keep some momentum up. That was pretty much my main reason to come back and play this one.

When I heard there was a direct flight I was like maybe it was a good decision. I thought the weather would be cooler but it was a little warmer than I thought it was going to be. Regardless it's beautiful out here and it's a lovely walk.

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