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Bianca Pagdanganan

Quick Quotes

Q. All right, here with Bianca. Talk about your 6-under round today. Can you just talk about some of the highlights on the course today?

BIANCA PAGDANGANAN: It's weird. I feel like I should be happy with a round of 6-under, but starting off really hot I thought that I could keep that going. Once I made the turn I just -- I think the putter just went cold.

It's fine. Knowing that I could post a good score today definitely helps my confidence. I don't think I made that many long putts for birdie. I feel like I stuck some of them pretty close, and the ones that I could make, obviously I definitely tried to make them.

But like I said, putter went cold. But it's still okay. I got two more rounds, so, yeah, just see how tomorrow goes.

Q. How would you compare today's round to yesterday, especially with that hot start you kind of got off to?

BIANCA PAGDANGANAN: I feel like yesterday I probably just wasn't hitting it close enough to make a lot of birdies. Ball striking felt really good today. Putter was great.

So I think that was basically the main thing that I felt was different. And definitely less errors. I don't think I made any bogeys today. Sometimes when I'm playing well I just don't know what's going on. I just go with the flow.

So, yeah.

Q. You said you were singing out there. What was in your head? Do you know what songs exactly?

BIANCA PAGDANGANAN: Oh, gosh. I had a song in my head the entire time and now I can't even remember the title. Like I was humming the entire time.

I have no idea. Oh, it was my Beabadoobee. I am pretty sure that's her name. The Way Things Go. It's like the beat was really catchy. I don't know why it was stuck in my



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head.

Q. It worked.

BIANCA PAGDANGANAN: I know.

Q. We were just walking back, but tee shot there landed in someone's arms. Just talk about that.

BIANCA PAGDANGANAN: I have hit people -- not intentionally. I've accidentally hit people on the golf course before but never had it land on anyone's arm.

I just told everyone that's what my caddie told me to do, hit it in her right arm. I just follow orders. That's all I do.

Q. I just looked up some of your stats; best round since Mizuho. What does it feel like to have some things clicking here?

BIANCA PAGDANGANAN: I don't know, I feel like I've been working hard on different aspects of my game. It's nice when things come together. When it clicks, it clicks. Today I just rode that momentum. There was this huge wave. I rode that wave, and we're going to keep surfing.

Q. One of your best two-day totals since last year at ANNIKA. Any significance to that?

BIANCA PAGDANGANAN: I never even thought about that. Some things I guess I don't pay attention to.

I guess I should be proud of myself for being able to do that. Like I said, been working on a couple things, and seeing to come together and click when I need it to feels really good. Helps with my confidence for sure.

Just see how tomorrow goes.

Q. So the tee shot on 18 there, walk me through what your emotions were.

BIANCA PAGDANGANAN: My caddie told me to hit it up the left side of the fairway and directly into her arms, so that's what I did. I said this earlier, but I just follow orders.



It was funny because I couldn't see how far it was going or if I was going to hit them, so when it landed and she didn't flinch I was like, okay, she's fine.

Then we walked off the tee and they were just telling us that apparently it landed in her arm. I was like, are you sure, because she didn't move at all? So my caddie and I just kept walking. Sure enough, we walk up and they were like, yeah, it landed on my arm and I just tossed it back. I was like, well, you could have tossed it back in the fairway.

Q. Have you seen a replay?

BIANCA PAGDANGANAN: I have. They showed me earlier. I still couldn't believe that happened. That was the first time I ever have done.

Q. It's amazing how nonchalant she was.

BIANCA PAGDANGANAN: Exactly. She was like, it's in my arm. I was like, yes, it is. I probably would've froze there and kept the ball there until someone came.

Q. A really strong day, 6-under. What was going really well for you today do you think?

BIANCA PAGDANGANAN: Starting off my day putting was really good. I felt like -- front nine I felt like I could make everything from anywhere.

Then I made the turn and felt like it went cold. Ball striking was also really good. I was able to give myself a lot of chances within striking distance, so that helped a lot.

Q. That front nine felt like it was a charge. Watching you, almost seemed your confidence, you could feel; it was palpable. Is that something going into tomorrow you want it their that confidence from the front nine and parlay it into another strong day?

BIANCA PAGDANGANAN: Yeah, for sure. You can't really force things to happen out there. Today just felt really good. Game felt really great. So riding that momentum, and again, not forcing anything to happen and just letting everything flow. Hopefully tomorrow it works out.

But I don't like forcing anything. Just try to enjoy my time out there, my walk.

Q. Couple golfers remarked that the course felt a little bit dry today. It was a little bit harder. If you have a lot of spin on the ball it can work to your advantage. Did you notice that or did you think it played pretty similar to round one?

BIANCA PAGDANGANAN: I feel like the back nine, that's when I kind of started to see the difference. I was like, oh, a little bit firmer, especially with my approach shots. I did quite a few adjustments with my numbers, because I did notice that first bounces would be a little bit firm. Like even off the tee I made a few adjustments.

So I would definitely say, yeah, when I made the turn that's kind of when I noticed.

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