



Hiroshi Tai

Quick Quotes

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Q. Hiroshi, birdie on 18 in your first round at the Masters. Walk me through that hole.

HIROSHI TAI: It was good. I hit a really nice drive. I think the wind was a little off the left so hitting a fade hard to start it far enough left with that overhanging tree on the left, but tried to hit a straight one so fell a little right, which was nice. I mis-hit the 9-iron so got a little lucky and landed on the fringe, I think, and then rolled out just long enough over the false front. Overall a good hole.

Q. I've been asking a lot of the amateurs, the last 20 minutes before you hear your name announced, nothing you can prepare for, obviously. What was going through your mind in those 20 minutes?

HIROSHI TAI: I took a couple of deep breaths. I was on the putting green and I saw the group in front of us go off and there was a lot of people there and I was like, this is a little different. Stepped on the tee and then they say, fore please driving, Hiroshi Tai, something like that, and luckily I hit it in the middle and hit a good one.

But definitely a little different, but a really good experience, I think.

Q. A lot of ties for Georgia Tech to the Masters, obviously Bobby Jones, Kuchar. Any patrons really recognizing that and rooting you on today?

HIROSHI TAI: Yeah, I got a lot of "go Jackets." I think they're trying to coin a new phrase, "sting 'em," so I got a lot of those. I got one or two, go Dawgs. I was joking with my caddie, if I got a lot of them I could kick them out. But that's okay, I didn't do that.

But yeah, it was a lot of fun. Obviously not too far from Atlanta and then obviously a lot of history here with Bobby Jones being a cofounder of Augusta National. So it was a really cool experience, and looking forward to tomorrow.

Q. Biggest adjustment you think you need to make for tomorrow, not necessarily score, but what did you learn today that is going to help you tomorrow?

HIROSHI TAI: I played really solid today, just one bad wedge shot on 13. Wind was kind of swirling there, which I knew was going to happen. It's happened before. So I wasn't too surprised by that. I kind of caught it a little thin.

But biggest adjustment tomorrow is just getting enough rest and taking a couple more take breaths tomorrow when I hit, especially on some tougher shots like that.

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