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Riyadh Golf Club

Ian Snyman

Quick Quotes

Q. Another solid performance. I spoke to you last week in Qatar. Obviously it was a solid performance last week as well. Another good one in the books for you.

IAN SNYMAN: Yes, it's been a consistent 13 weeks, I would say, because I've made 13 cuts in a row, which is what I'm trying to do, trying to get consistency in my game. Now we're starting to get close to the top pack.

Slowly we're starting to figure out the swing, hitting fairways, hitting greens. Putting has always been good, but it's a lot of pressure on your green if you're not hitting the fairways, not hitting the greens. The last two weeks has just been easy golf, which is fun for a change.

Q. I'm sure you're enjoying yourself as well. That's a big part of it.

IAN SNYMAN: I am enjoying myself. Me and David said Hakuna Matata during the week. We were saying that the whole time, no worries. That's what we try to do, try to stay calm.

You try and stay calm and stuff, but you do think about different scenarios and where you are on the leaderboard, which makes you nervous, I guess. But, yeah, for the most part it was good, and it was enjoyable.

Q. Talk to us about your swing changes. I know you spoke about it last week just a little bit. That's obviously made a bit of an impact.

IAN SNYMAN: Yeah, it definitely has. I mean, in short, I'm taking the club back straighter, which has always been -- it's been my signature. Everybody always said, no, no, don't ever change it. I would take it outside and kind of flat at the top, and I'd have to reroute it back over the top to kind of get it back to neutral, if I could say it like that.



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Now we're just taking it back a little bit straighter, which took me months to kind of get it right. David Frost helped me with a little slight grip change, and that helps me stake it back straighter and not being so rigid, having the arms a little bit bent. I think that little bit of tenseness also helped me take it outside.

To be honest with you, me and David were working in Doha just before the tournament, and we got a little bit closer to the ball, a little bit more upright, and that also helps to take away a little bit.

I think these last two weeks have definitely been the highlight of my year in terms of ball striking, putting, everything was just solid. Just if one or two putts could have dropped and one or two -- I made two bloopers in Doha, but this week we've been pretty clean golf on the scorecard, I would say. I think we had two bogeys the whole week, and that's kind of fun.

Q. Playing in Promotions here next week?

IAN SNYMAN: Yes.

Q. Going in again in good form. What's the goal for next week?

IAN SNYMAN: I think next week I'm not going to leave any putts short. I'm just going to go for all of them, and hopefully they drop. That's another thing me and David have been talking about. You leave putts short, you don't even know what the break is going to do up towards the hole. If you hit it past, at least you can see the break coming back.

That's the goal for next week. Just going to whack them past the hole, hopefully in the hole.

Q. You've been playing with quite a few LIV players. Last week you were playing with Charl, which you said was quite an amazing experience. You played with Matt today. How has it been mingling with the guys?

IAN SNYMAN: It's been awesome. Just to see how carefree they play, that's the goal as well. Even though I'm more relaxed, I'm not as relaxed as they are. They just look like they're out there having a stroll, having fun.



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Jonesy started off, not rough, but average today, and he came like an assassin from behind and just came to overtake me, overtook Steve, and just nipped us in the end. They just look carefree.

Q. Yeah, they do.

IAN SNYMAN: I think I would enjoy golf more if I played like that as well. It's making me old sometimes with all the stress.

Q. You never know next week, a big week for you, and we'll see what happens?

IAN SNYMAN: I kind of like the format that we restart every day. It's not like you have your score to protect or keep. You just go for everything. Every day is a new day, and you try to go as low as you can.

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