

LIV Golf Promotions

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Black Diamond Ranch

Richard T. Lee

Quick Quotes

RICHARD T. LEE:

Q. You had a very consistent run this year on the International Series. Does that help you prepare for this event today?

RICHARD T. LEE: Yeah, defensively. This year I actually didn't play that many International Series events due to playing a lot of KPGA events this year. I think the last -- not last year but the three years before that, I think I finished maybe third, fifth, and I think 10th or something like that.

Yeah, I had a few chances out there to secure my card for LIV Golf, and definitely hopefully I can do it this week.

Q. You were two clear of the rest of the field. What was going well for you today, and obviously you felt pretty good on the course.

RICHARD T. LEE: Honestly, it's a tough course out there. You've got to hit it really well off the tee box. The greens are very undulated out there. I actually found the fairways pretty well and placed my ball on the greens pretty well and made a few putts out there.

Q. How did you feel about your game coming in?

RICHARD T. LEE: I mean, it's the first round, and finishing first is always a great feeling. But the scores are going to reset tomorrow for the second round, and hopefully I can put up another good score out there.

Q. You've obviously been in this Promotions tournament before. It's a little bit different format this year because it's not 36 holes on one day. How do you feel about that, and how do you feel about the format this year?

RICHARD T. LEE: Honestly, I think it would have been better if I was in the second round. You know, I don't mind it. Just playing good golf takes care of everything.



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Q. Obviously, there's never been a Canadian golfer on LIV --

RICHARD T. LEE: Hopefully they make a Canadian team out there pretty soon and I'll be on that team.

Q. What would it mean to be one of those three guys standing at the end with a spot?

RICHARD T. LEE: Yeah, definitely for everyone out there that's striving to get the three cards, I think it's going to be a life-changer to be out there on LIV Golf and performing at the highest level.

Q. Four of your birdies came in the last six holes. Anything that fell into place at the end of your round?

RICHARD T. LEE: Definitely my putting. I wasn't hitting it too close to the pins today. I think I probably made 15-footers, 10-footers out there the last three holes. Those putts were dead center, so felt pretty good.

Q. You mentioned the scores reset, so you can't carry the scores over, but how do you carry momentum over into the next round?

RICHARD T. LEE: Definitely placing the tee shots out there pretty well in the fairway and placing the ball in the right places on the greens. I think just play well tomorrow.

Q. What was your longest putt today?

RICHARD T. LEE: I think it was a 30-footer. About a 30-footer.

Q. What hole, do you remember?

RICHARD T. LEE: I don't remember, to be honest. I am so tired right now.

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