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Black Diamond Ranch

Richard T. Lee

Quick Quotes

Q. Another fine round today. Take us through your round.

RICHARD T. LEE: Yes. Early birdie on the second hole and then I actually made an eagle on 9. I stuck a 5-wood to about five feet and got a lucky bounce, actually, and made the putt.

Made another eagle on 16, as well. I was in the waste bunker and just ran a 5-iron up there and stuck it about three feet and pretty much made my round like that.

Q. Just a normal round with two eagles, huh?

RICHARD T. LEE: Very interesting round, actually.

Q. You must be very happy to get through to the weekend. What is your thought process going into Saturday? Obviously a different format in terms of two days instead of 36 holes --

RICHARD T. LEE: I played 6-under yesterday and 4-under today, and I think that's plenty good enough for this course. This course is pretty tough. If you leave it on the false front then you pretty much have no chance to make par.

I think just having the same mindset and play safe and trying to make birdies.

Q. I wanted to ask you about a stretch in 2025, there was a 13-start stretch where you won and had four runner-up finishes. Do you feel like at this point in your career you're actually playing the best golf and are in the best form?

RICHARD T. LEE: I actually had a talk with my coach this year and last year, as well. I think the ball-striking has come around very nicely and also the putting. I finished second on the putting stats last year, and I think definitely this year and last year was the best of my career.

Q. Any particular words of wisdom?



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RICHARD T. LEE: I mean, hopefully it goes on this year and next year and maybe 10 more years.

Q. I know the leaderboard hasn't been finalized yet but you can see there are a lot of Asian Tour and International Series players at the top. How do you think about that, and how do you see the level of those players?

RICHARD T. LEE: I mean, they're all good players. Everyone on the Asian Tour, you see all these good players out there. They're always performing, always getting into major tournaments and getting on LIV, as well.

I mean, if they play well and get into those spots and leave a spot for me, I think I'll be pretty happy.

Q. Everybody gets the practice rounds out here, but having played a competitive round here yesterday, how much did that perhaps help you playing another competitive round today?

RICHARD T. LEE: Good question, actually. I think I knew the greens a lot better. I played three practice rounds and didn't really get the feel of it too much. On the first round actually I found out more about the greens and where to place my shots and not to leave it. I think it was a good advantage going into today, as well.

Q. This may have already been asked, but you were near the end of the field yesterday. You were the first tee time off today. Is that easier carrying that momentum?

RICHARD T. LEE: I was pretty tired. But I was having my coffee and getting out there and warming up and tried to shoot a good score out there.

Q. Now you can relax.

RICHARD T. LEE: Yes. Time to sleep.

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