The ANNIKA driven by Gainbridge at Pelican

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Haeran Ryu

Quick Quotes

Q. All right, here with Haeran after the first round of the The ANNIKA driven by Gainbridge at Pelican. 6-under 64. Just talk a little bit about your day today overall.

HAERAN RYU: Yeah, today my shot is good and putter is good and everything. I'm so happy to make some a lot of birdies today.

I think -- I don't remember to this score at this year -- I think this score is a long time ago I hit it, and I'm so happy to I got the great score in Florida.

Q. And then you hit all 14 fairways today. Were the fairways generous or were you just hitting the driver really well?

HAERAN RYU: Yeah, I hit tee shot pretty well but today, I used to be a lot 3-wood today, so that's why I can keep it a lot fairway today.

Q. You said using the 3-wood a little bit more. Is that just a comfort thing or is it just not as long so you feel like it's okay?

HAERAN RYU: Because my drive distance fairways little bit narrow because a lot bunkers in the fairway, so that's why I hit it 3-wood. Used to be more wide fairway. So that's why, yeah.

Q. On the front nine but your back nine, four birdies in a row. Talk about that stretch and what was going right.

HAERAN RYU: Yeah, to be honest I don't like Florida because my score is not good at this city, but every year I just hope that I play well in this course and for that, and I'm so happy -- yeah, that's why I'm so happy to I get 64 today.

And today I want to do more easier to make some putts because this green is so too firm and fast and a lot of grain,



so and my caddie always said to the grain and I ask for that and he is pretty good today and then I do it well, too.

Q. Looking at your proximity to the hole, you hit shots really close today. How did you do that? Were you being really aggressive or just playing to where the pins were at pretty well?

HAERAN RYU: I just see the pin position every hole and then I thinking to make some straight and uphill putts, how can I play there.

And then, yeah, today my shots is good feeling for me so that's why I got a lot of great shot on the second shot.

Q. Did you think you're tee shot on 12 went in when you hit it?

HAERAN RYU: Oh, really? I didn't know that.

Q. You mentioned your frustration kind of playing in Florida, learning the greens and all that. Did you get some extra help from your caddie to help read those putts and did that help today?

HAERAN RYU: Yeah, I just special talking for my caddie today grain because I didn't see the aggressive for the grain because in Korea don't have a lot of grain. So, yeah, that's too hard to find the grain play, so I just talk for my caddie place for the grain for every hole for the green, so that's why I make a lot of putt today.

Q. What was the most satisfying putt that you made today?

HAERAN RYU: Yeah, I think so. I'm so happy. But I just think about it at hole 8.

Q. Was that a long putt?

HAERAN RYU: No, just like five or six meters putt, but it was too quick downhill and grain, just fast grain, and then I just thinking, okay, this is just for to (indiscernible) it well, but I hit it little far because I wanted to make some birdie. That's why I got one bogey today.

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