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Xiyu Lin

Quick Quotes

Q. Take us through this first round in Singapore?

XIYU LIN: I think I had a good day today because it's the first time I've played this course in Singapore, and I mean, with the whole travels and stuff, I didn't do much. I only played the Pro-Am yesterday. That was the first time playing on this course. So I definitely see this course, it has some challenging holes and also has lots of opportunities. So I just been playing pretty good and I just keep telling myself to be playing smart, and, yeah, it turned out pretty good.

Q. When did you feel like you were starting to get in a groove during this round today?

XIYU LIN: Yesterday at the Pro-Am, actually, already playing pretty good. It's like but with the Pro-Am, you know, you get a little crazy, so you have some shot that you hit really close and I mean, I even hit one lost ball and stuff. You know, then I did realize, definitely have lot of opportunities here. I mean, today I'm starting off the front nine, which I think the front nine is a little easier because the back nine first couple holes is hard. So I was just like keep telling myself just take it when you have it.

Q. I know I've been working on a lot this year and I remember in Hawai'i we were talking with your string of good play, you really want to make this year your year. Do strong starts help that goal?

XIYU LIN: Yeah, you can see last week in L.A., I had a strong first seven holes and then it turns a little bit backwards. I mean, today I kind of had the same hot start and had a little bump on 9 and made a three-putt which I really shouldn't. I felt like that's what I earned from last week; that I pick it up really quickly and make birdie on 10. That's kind of big for me. I mean, the back nine, I played really steady. I mean, shooting 2-under on the back nine, I'm pretty satisfied with it.

Q. For you this course in general, I know you just said it's your first time but also is this your first time in Singapore or have you been here before?



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XIYU LIN: Well, I played the other course like in 2014 and 2016, yeah, that's the two years. So I never played this course but you know, it's a crazy feeling that I realize I haven't been back to Asia for like 16 months. Not even saying China, just Asia. The heat here kind of reminds me of my hometown in China, so, lots of good memories.

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