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Quick Quotes

Q. Start with your first nine, which was the back nine. You had three straight birdies from 14 through 16. What did you have rolling to help with that streak?

ATTHAYA THITIKUL: I mean, you know, like my feeling hitting iron at the range is not this good, and then 14 is it?

Q. Yep, the par-3.

ATTHAYA THITIKUL: I hit it pretty good and then it's close to the pin and I just roll it in with my putter.

Yeah, I just keep momentum going with the back nine.

Q. What makes No. 14, the par-3, challenging?

ATTHAYA THITIKUL: I think it's the green and the distant. It's not short. It's a bit too long. Because every -- even it's move forward, moving tee up forward, but it's still long for us I guess.

The green is like slopey. That's make it different.

Q. When you said you didn't feel too good with your irons on the range, what was going on in the warmup that maybe had you a little nervous?

ATTHAYA THITIKUL: Yeah, I mean, not just only iron, but driver as well. Today I just go, Oh, my God, it's like those.

And just tell myself that just go out and enjoy. What's going to happen, going to happen. And then, yeah, it's another day that I have to be patient with it.

Like just give yourself a lot of chance to make a birdie and then just keep the ball in the safe place, I guess.

Q. Yeah, exactly. Good idea. Then on the front nine you had bogey at 4; double at 6; and a bogey at 8. You rebounded with birdies on 7 and 9. What does it say about maybe your mental state to have a bad hole but then to rebound on the very next hole?



ATTHAYA THITIKUL: Like I say, the bogey that I make in the back nine, it's just from the iron. It's like a bit downhill and then it's like going right, and, yeah, it's going wrong way. It's going in another way that it's a bad miss.

So I just told myself that it's just okay. It's just past. You already done with that. Just going on and keeping like the momentum going for the par-5s. It's a birdie chance for me, and, yeah, just be patient as well.

Q. With the irons is it something you can go to the range and work on it or is it bigger or...

ATTHAYA THITIKUL: I think it's not the big stuff to figure it out. Because like every day that we wake up, every day it's not the same. Our body is not the same and our feeling is not the same.

It's just like a little things that I think that I can go to the range and then fix it up today.

Q. You're sitting at T3, 7-under overall. I'm not sure if you saw when Jeongeun Lee6 did. She shot 10-under today.

ATTHAYA THITIKUL: Yeah.

Q. Just to be in the position you're in, T3 heading into the weekend as of right now, do you feel good and confident with where you are to continue to climb the leaderboard over the next two days?

ATTHAYA THITIKUL: Of course. Yesterday was like a great opening round and then today it's not -- I still hit the under par. It's not the bad stuff, I guess.

And then, yeah, really looking forward for the weekend, and then just like I said, just keep my ball in a safe place.

Q. Yeah. Safe place is always a good spot. And I know how tight night the Thai players are. It's kind of like a Thai family out here. Were you able to watch Ariya and Moriya's win at last week and did you gain some inspiration from it?

ATTHAYA THITIKUL: Of course, of course. I mean, not even Moriya and Ariya, but all Thai player here in the LPGA always inspiring us. As a kid I want to be like LPGA member one day from them, not just only both of

them, but all the Thai, yeah.

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