

Cognizant Founders Cup

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Upper Montclair Country Club

Peiyun Chien

Quick Quotes



Q. Here with Peiyun Chien after her first round at the Cognizant Founders Cup. Take us through the round today, maybe some of the best shots and highlights of the day.

PEIYUN CHIEN: I'm very lucky, my first hole is No. 10 I just hit an eagle. So my second shot went in. Good start for me.

I think my game is pretty consistent. My putting is a lot better. So good day for me.

Q. This is a tricky course, and especially the greens. People have had challenges with them. What's the trickiest part out there today?

PEIYUN CHIEN: I have local caddie here so he know where I should go and I should play. I was pretty nervous because this course is pretty hard to play. Fairway and green, everywhere you have to play on your spot. Yeah, it's pretty hard.

Q. Yeah. What has the local caddie, what's some of the advice he's given you this week and for this course in particular?

PEIYUN CHIEN: I think for the wind it's pretty helpful because the wind is not the same way. It's swirling. So it's hard to chose the club. He did very well for me.

Q. What's his name?

PEIYUN CHIEN: Jose.

Q. Love that.

PEIYUN CHIEN: Yes.

Q. Well, you played this event here last year, right?

PEIYUN CHIEN: Yes.

Q. How much different is it playing it for the second time?

PEIYUN CHIEN: Because I work with Jose last year, so I think we work pretty well. Just call him, he do have time. Last year we're doing very well. Just lose a couple -- I hit a lot of double because it's tough course, so easy to get double. I was thinking last hole if I made par it's a good score for today.

So it really helpful if you played here before and you know where you should stay on the greens. It really help.

Q. I saw you a couple times at the top this season. What's been trending and is the best part of your game right now overall?

PEIYUN CHIEN: You know, I saw Tiger Woods, and he have a video and he's just holding the -- what is the brush teeth? If you need to brush and --

Q. Toothbrush?

PEIYUN CHIEN: Toothbrush, yes. And another one you need a -- you know --

Q. Toothpaste?

PEIYUN CHIEN: NP.

Q. Floss, toothpaste that goes on the toothbrush?

PEIYUN CHIEN: Yes. So you have to go very soft.

Q. Like squeezing a bottle of toothpaste?

PEIYUN CHIEN: Yes. I was very soft and I just not feeling with my grip. I just putt without feeling. It really helpful.

You have to feel very, very soft in your hand.

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