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Mission Hills Country Club

Patty Tavatanakit

Quick Quotes

Q. Our defending champion, Patty Tavatanakit, with a 69. I want to ask you about the two birdies you had to close the round on 17 and 18. Great to do it in front of the fans; great way to finish your round. Tell us about those two holes, please.

PATTY TAVATANAKIT: I think 17 was definitely a bonus with that pin position. You know, I was just taking one shot -- taking it one shot at a time and it ended up being a great shot and a great putt on 17.

I think it kind of got my momentum going knowing 18 was an up tee, so I know I had a chance to get another birdie.

Q. And then what did you do on 18 to make the fans happy?

PATTY TAVATANAKIT: I made birdie.

Q. Tell us about that one.

PATTY TAVATANAKIT: It was a 4.

Q. Just a 4. Sometimes a 4 is a 4, but was it a good feeling to be able to do it now? Last year there weren't a lot people here. This year to be able to do something like that in front of this crowd, was that a good feeling?

PATTY TAVATANAKIT: Yeah definitely a good feeling. I remember playing when I was an amateur making birdie on that hole is always kind of a cheering feeling with everyone being around.

Q. Is it fair to say that you didn't have your best stuff and still shot 69 out here?

PATTY TAVATANAKIT: Yes. I feel like I left a lot out there. But at the same time, that's just golf. There is no way you're going to have a perfect day with no mistakes. If I don't make any mistakes I'll be making 2s or 3s every hole really.

Q. So how much better do you feel and how much



momentum does that take into the weekend knowing that you are capable of doing that?

PATTY TAVATANAKIT: I've always kind of felt comfortable ever since last year, just the whole year, last half of last season, and beginning of this year I felt comfortable and just kind of have that belief in myself.

But it's still golf. You don't know what's going to happen. You don't even know what's going to happen tomorrow in general.

So just going to keep pedaling and keep moving.

Q. What part of your game are you most happy with right now?

PATTY TAVATANAKIT: Probably putting. This is actually the first time I actually kind of feel like I know what I'm doing on the putting green.

But other than that, I'm really proud with my approach shots as well. I been working really hard on that with my coach, Grant Waite, and keep improving.

Q. Working on a story on what everyone will miss about this tournament being here in Rancho Mirage. Anything in particular you'll miss the most?

PATTY TAVATANAKIT: The views, the people, and just being in California in general. I went to UCLA, I've always been like a Cali girl. To not play this event next year in California is just kind of a bittersweet good-bye.

Q. What do you do during the major weeks when you're not at the golf course to get away from it all?

PATTY TAVATANAKIT: Just do nothing. I love doing nothing. Just lay around, watch Netflix, or go hang out with friends. When I'm off the golf course I don't like to think that I'm a golfer.

Q. Anything good on Netflix?

PATTY TAVATANAKIT: I been kind of wanting to finish



Grey's Anatomy and I've been on it for over a year and a half now and I'm not done. So just got to keep watching it.

PATTY TAVATANAKIT: Yeah.

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Q. Do you feel like you're good at switching off when you leave the golf course at the end of the day or do you struggle to make that separation?

PATTY TAVATANAKIT: Very good. Just I feel like I'm really -- I kind of know where I'm at, so if I need to leave the golf course, I'll leave regardless of where I am. Like on Wednesday I played the pro-am and I just left even though I had an afternoon tee time. I just didn't feel like being here.

And that's I think what works best for me, is just knowing when to stop at this sport.

Q. How bad was your lie on No. 6 there? Looked like when you hit the drive to the right it had to layup on the par-4 with the water there. Looked like you got to it and just immediately look one look and said, there is no way I can go for this and layup.

PATTY TAVATANAKIT: You answered my question there. You basically said everything. Yeah.

Q. Was it just completely buried or too far out, 200 yards?

PATTY TAVATANAKIT: There was water in front. Honestly, I don't remember much about that until you mention it.

But, I mean, you got to do what you got to do. It's the smarter play and you are at a major. You got to respect the conditions.

Q. Is that one of those goldfish memory moments, let that happen and move on?

PATTY TAVATANAKIT: Yeah.

Q. Is that something you've been able to learn more how to handle moments like that?

PATTY TAVATANAKIT: I think it's important -- no, not important. Everyone is -- if you ask me what I did in Thailand on 17 on Thursday I wouldn't know. I mean, you keep playing every single week and you're not going to remember everything.

So, I mean, we're just kind of wired that way.

Q. That's why it's shot by shot.

