

# Riviera Maya Open

Thursday, 22 May 2025

Mayakoba, Quintana Roo, Mexico

El Camaleón Golf Course

## Bianca Pagdanganan

### Quick Quotes

**Q. Okay, very pleased to be joined here by Bianca Pagdanganan after her first round. B, really good round; 4-under. Just tell me about the day?**

BIANCA PAGDANGANAN: It felt like a pretty easy round which honestly I haven't felt that this a while. To be able to have that out here feels really good.

I hit a lot of greens; not a lot of fairways. But I felt like it didn't matter that much to me today. I felt like I was swinging it pretty good. I had a pretty clear headspace.

So I guess mentally and physically everything just lined up really well for me today.

**Q. What's your preparation looked like this week?**

BIANCA PAGDANGANAN: I feel like it was very different from a regular tournament in terms of us being in the resort. It gets really hot throughout the day, so every time I get back to the hotel I just go to the pool, take a dip, try to cool down. It gets really hot.

I think it's really good for recovery just trying to relax.

Yeah, I guess it's different in that sense. All the other parts of my game kind of stayed the same.

**Q. So knowing that it's hot and you played early today what did you think -- mentally how do you get ready for an afternoon tee time tomorrow?**

BIANCA PAGDANGANAN: You know, luckily my practice rounds the last couple days have been in the afternoon. I wouldn't say I'm a huge morning person, so I've played I think peak of the heat I guess.

Really just trying to prepare physically. Mentally, everyone is going to be dealing with the same things in the afternoon. It's really how you prepare for that.

Just make sure I'm disciplined, staying hydrated, drinking as much water and electrolytes as I can. Just trying to be better physically to prepare for the that afternoon round.

**Q. Throughout junior and college golf you played in**



**this plenty of times I am sure, so this isn't totally unique to you, right?**

BIANCA PAGDANGANAN: Yeah. When I was in college we played in Mexico twice and the weather was pretty similar. I would say the weather is pretty similar to back home, so it's always nice when you're able to play at courses that remind you of home, of a good place.

I guess that puts me in a better spot mentally.

**Q. Last one: The score you posted today, is that going to be enough each day or do you think you need to go lower?**

BIANCA PAGDANGANAN: I could definitely see some pretty low scores. Some of the par-5s are pretty reachable. If you put yourself in a good spot that's all you can ask for.

I can definitely see some low scores. I haven't really thought about the need to go lower or whatsoever. I focus on my own game. Like I said, I feel like I'm swinging it pretty good, so if I'm able to give myself more opportunities then I'll try to take advantage of that?

**Q. I was just going to ask, 16 of 18 greens today. How much do you think that helped you out there, and do you think that's the key for this week to having some of those lower numbers?**

BIANCA PAGDANGANAN: I would say what it helped me a lot today. I was looking at my stats and didn't realize I didn't hit that much fairways. It didn't feel like it. I thought I was hitting it all right.

I just gave myself enough opportunities to make birdies. I gave myself a lot of good looks. So probably is key for the rest of the week. (Laughter.)

**Q. You didn't hit a lot of fairways; didn't seem it matter. These fairways are really small. Is that going to be a trend this week, people aren't hitting as many fairways?**

BIANCA PAGDANGANAN: Seeing how I played it today I wouldn't be too upset if I missed couple fairways. They are pretty skinny, so just trying to choose the right spots, giving yourself enough room to miss would be very, very important.



**Q. Do you guys play here at Mayakoba in college?**

BIANCA PAGDANGANAN: No. Puerto Vallarta.

FastScripts by ASAP Sports