

KIRADECH APHIBARNRAT (-5)

Q. Kiradech, great round. In fact, it's the best round of the day by a wide margin. Bogey free. First off, your impressions, because that was great playing.

KIRADECH APHIBARNRAT: Yeah, especially with this condition, I would say this is the best round for me for whole season. I've been struggling a little bit from the beginning of the year. hopefully today is the turning point.

Q. 16, you hit it up above the bunker. You probably wanted to go down in the bunker, but you pull off a really terrific shot. Tell me about that whole setup there.

KIRADECH APHIBARNRAT: I know they move the tee forward, which is playing way shorter than the first round, but the wind was so strong. I think I just pick up long club and try to keep it low, but somehow it just pop up in the air, it just ballooned to the right over the bunker, which is a tough line. Obviously, I know that. I'm quite lucky that I chip into the wind, which is definitely going to get spin. I was thinking about to chip past the hole 10 to 15 feet. Hopefully I hole the putt, because my putting quite well today. Strike it perfect, land it just outside the green, then I got the about seven or eight feet left for the putt, which is great up-and-down.

Q. It was a heck of an up-and-down. Are you thinking about bogey free? I mean, after 16 you're thinking, gosh, two more holes and I can go bogey free? Is that even on a player's mind?

KIRADECH APHIBARNRAT: No, I don't think that. I just try to make birdies. I know that it really turn on my day. I know that everyone is going to get really tough condition whole days and then so far I play first 16 holes without bogey and pick up five birdie, which is a good round. I was thinking to pick up maybe one more on 17, just a bad tee shot, just the wind too strong, doesn't hold a 3-wood from the tee. Bogey-free round doesn't pop in my head, I just try to make birdies and birdies.

Q. You played all over the world in tough conditions. How does this rank? Is this right up there among your toughest?

KIRADECH APHIBARNRAT: To be honest, this is like Scotland but it's warm weather. Combination between the island course and not in Europe, I would say that way. I arrive this morning and I was like, "Are you kidding me? You guys going to play with this condition?" But I realize that I played a lot in Europe and the wind is pick up really similar. Different thing is I don't have to wear four or five layers.

Q. I kind of like the temperature. What about this weekend? It's going to be windy again.

KIRADECH APHIBARNRAT: I'm just going to play the same, just keep under the wind, give myself an opportunity to putt even how far it is. It might be 30, 40 feet, it doesn't matter. For sure if you get yourself out of trouble, you'll be good chance to be on the top.

Q. Just coming into the week, what have you been feeling good about with your game?

KIRADECH APHIBARNRAT: I think I roll the ball quite well. It's good to be back at the course, and grass really similar to Asia, feel I go back home again. My swing feeling much better. Everyone know I've been struggling almost a year after I get injury from the Masters 2018 and I got a hard time to come back. But then couple good weeks, it might be a turning point and came back to playing real golf.