



ANIRBAN LAHIRI (- 5)

Q. Anirban, how do you assess 5 under today?

ANIRBAN LAHIRI: Good score, good start. A little disappointed, though. I didn't have a very good back nine. Obviously got off to a red-hot start and then couldn't capitalize on the relatively scoring part of the golf course. Guilty of missing a lot of putts from around eight to 12 feet, didn't really make anything in the last nine holes, had at least six of them. So disappointed, honestly. Feel like I should have closed two or three shots better, but it's a good score to start and I'll have to go on from here.

Q. I was going to say, what was going through your emotions on the front nine here? You love this course and you got off to the best of possible starts with those consecutive birdies.

ANIRBAN LAHIRI: Yeah, I think that's the toughest part of the golf course, 11, 12, 13, and if you can play those holes even par or under par you're doing well. So obviously, like I said, I got off to a really good start and then I just didn't capitalize on the shorter holes. The par 5s on the front, I only made one birdie. I didn't birdie 16 or 17 from the fairway. You want to hit fairways and then you set up birdies, but I just didn't make those putts. So kind of disappointed, like I said, to not have posted a better score, but you can see the scoring is going to be low so you just have to keep going.

Q. What does this leave you with the strategy going into the next three rounds given you know guys are going to go low on this course? Do you need to be more aggressive?

ANIRBAN LAHIRI: No, I don't think it's possible to be any more aggressive. You've got to play smart. As long as you're on the fairway, we've got ball in hand all week so that helps as well because you can pretty much be assured of a clean ball and you can fire at the greens. Yeah, I think it's going to be the same over the next three days and just try and make a bunch of putts.

Q. The guys going off struggling in the humidity, do you think that's something you're going to have a bit of an advantage with knowing how well you've done in humidity and these conditions?

ANIRBAN LAHIRI: Well, it's the same for everyone but I kind of know what I need to do to handle it. I have my own ways, I know how much I need to hydrate and how much fuel I need to put in, so I think that experience is good for me. But when you play here more and more often, you'll find all of us are professionals and we will adapt, so over a period of time

we all get used to it. Having said that, I'm quite comfortable in these conditions so it doesn't make a difference.