



**KIRADECH APHIBARNRAT**

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**MODERATOR:** We've got Kiradech Aphibarnrat here with us right now. Kiradech, welcome to the CIMB Classic, playing in your first PGA TOUR tournament as a PGA TOUR member. How is the feeling and what are you looking forward to this week?

**KIRADECH APHIBARNRAT:** The feeling now is better, outside it's hot. It is such a pleasure to be here back in Malaysia again. I haven't been here for two, three years, I think. I've been playing Malaysia Open many times, especially this course I'm playing so well and have a good record over here. My career is here and nice to be back home again.

**MODERATOR:** Talking about TPC Kuala Lumpur, you won here in 2013, finished third at the CIMB Classic in the same year, but the golf course has had a bit of change this year. Have you found anything different about TPC Kuala Lumpur here in your practice rounds?

**KIRADECH APHIBARNRAT:** Well, the golf course improving on a good shape in the right way. The green is fantastic. I think it's the first time I see the ball roll on the fairways, which is like it's a good sign. So far the golf course is in great conditions even when we get really strong wind yesterday, but doesn't make any different between yesterday and today. All the teams that look after the course will be fantastic.

**MODERATOR:** Questions for Kiradech?

**Q. So when you start the PGA TOUR event, what was the feeling like?**

**KIRADECH APHIBARNRAT:** It's like a dream come true. When I was a kid, I've been -- my goal has been to be a part of the PGA TOUR. It's one of the bigger tours in the world. Twenty years later I hold a Tour card, I can't explain how it describes, but it is such a good moment for me. To play my first PGA TOUR event, my first full card in Asia, especially in Malaysia, it feel like everything that happen in my golf career.

**Q. Kiradech, you had a fantastic season on the PGA TOUR last year, all the big events you really played well. But as you're going to your first full season on the PGA TOUR, and I know you haven't been playing the last few weeks, you have tried to take it easy, is there anything that you have changed or you want to change now that you'll be playing more regularly in the U.S.?**

**KIRADECH APHIBARNRAT:** Nothing change, still working the same things. Last few weeks I've been take three weeks off, it will be first time in seven years I stay home more than 20 days, which is good. It's difficult to get away from the golf club. I don't hit much ball, but still working on the range and all the (inaudible) around Thailand. First season on the

Tour, just try to play my best golf, try to do what I'm doing in the past, in the last years. Work hard, keep working with same coach, same swing thought, try and play well, striking the ball well, keep the confidence high and hopefully the title will be coming soon.

**Q. And how important is this stretch of three events? I think you're also playing the CJ Cup?**

**KIRADECH APHIBARNRAT:** No, so far I'm not.

**Q. So two?**

**KIRADECH APHIBARNRAT:** Yeah.

**Q. How important is this start going to be for you for the season?**

**KIRADECH APHIBARNRAT:** I'm saying to be start the first PGA TOUR in Malaysia, in Asia, it feel like home, especially the weather and people around, the golf fans, the crowd was fantastic, and another event in China, which is one of the biggest events in Asia as well. I think it's a good way to start. It's opportunity to get a couple more points ahead at the beginning of the year, at the beginning of season. My goal is just to be in the Top 60 in the FedExCup points, that's the goal for me, and keep the card as long as I can, same as my good friend Anirban. It's been a while that he's been playing on the PGA TOUR. Yeah, just trying to do my best golf.

**Q. Are you planning to take up residence in the U.S.?**

**KIRADECH APHIBARNRAT:** Yeah, I plan to move over to Florida, but depends on my boss, that's my wife. It depends on my wife where she wants to stay. Wife happy, life happy.

**Q. With you playing more in the U.S., are we less likely to see you in Asia?**

**KIRADECH APHIBARNRAT:** I would love to come back to Asia if some event get me a special flight or private jet or, you know, it's going to take like 20-something hours, which I've been used to that. I would love to come back. I'm born here, I grow up on Asian Tour, my first tour I start. It will be 10 years on the Tour now and I never forget where I won.

**Q. Talking about the new course, do you think it's going to play easier or harder compared to when you won?**

**KIRADECH APHIBARNRAT:** Compared to when I won. Well, the fairway is more difficult because it's going to roll off the fairways because before when you land it in the fairway, it not going to bounce, it just stop or a yard away. But when the green is firmer and faster, especially this course is really small green and lot of slope on the green, I'm sure you're going to hole less putts this week, and some putts you have to be really careful with the

slope with the greens faster.

**Q. You played on the Asian Tour and you played on the European Tour. How will your experiences from these two tours help you on the PGA TOUR?**

**KIRADECH APHIBARNRAT:** Well, I'm saying I've been 10 years on the Tour now, I think I've got enough experience to playing against the top world-class players. The new thing for me is just the golf course, the weather, the type of the grass, the layout that I never been playing in the States. It's going to take me a couple months to get used to everything, but I still believe with the way I'm doing, I can be still be a part of the Tour.

**Q. Kiradech, you played so well in the U.S. this year and I hope that you continue to do the same next year as well. Let's suppose you win the FedExCup and the \$15 million prize money. Which is the first thing that you'll buy and which car do you have your eye on?**

**KIRADECH APHIBARNRAT:** Well, a lot of media here, can just ask them to sponsor maybe so don't have to buy? I still have no goal. I have to put up the notice to my boss again which one I have to buy and she accept it. If she ignore it, I just walk away, just turn me down a little bit.

**MODERATOR:** Any more for Kiradech?

**KIRADECH APHIBARNRAT:** I just want to thank CIMB to make this have the biggest event in Asia. You do a great job, fantastic. Happy to be a part of CIMB Classic this year. Thank you.