



GAGANJEET BHULLAR (-3)

Q. 3 under is a good start for you?

GAGANJEET BHULLAR: I had a very slow start today. I started with two pars and then I had a bogey on No. 12, and then I think I picked up the pace just around the corner. I birdied 18, 1st, 3rd and 8 and I think on the front nine I missed lots and lots of putts. But considering the conditions, it was not that easy for us in the morning because it was raining in the middle of the round and then it was quite hot, the ball wasn't going that far. So, I mean, I think could have been better, but I'll definitely take 3 under par.

Q. How many holes did you play in the rain?

GAGANJEET BHULLAR: I think it was only two holes, but the difficult part was after the rain stopped because the judgment of the clubs, that is the most difficult part. Rain started when we were on No. 18. I birdied 18. It was there on No. 1 I birdied 1st but then the second hole is totally different, you know, once the rain stopped. But I think overall the golf course is playing pretty tough, pretty solid because greens are firm, it's really hard to hit the ball close.

Q. Yesterday we were talking about the drainage system that has been like upgraded this time, so after the rain as you were mentioning, how much of a (inaudible) was happening after the ball landed or was it still stopping?

GAGANJEET BHULLAR: No, no, the thing is in the air the ball wasn't flying that much because of humidity, but once it lands, it is still much better than what we used to play this golf course two, three, four years ago because back in the day it used to get really wet. But now of course as the --

Q. (Inaudible)

GAGANJEET BHULLAR: Oh, yeah, yeah, big time. Because when we played here on Monday and Tuesday it was so firm. Luckily, I think yesterday and the day before we had a lot of rain, that's why it's still soft. But considering this condition to the last few years, it's probably one of the best we have played this golf course.

Q. So that change of weather and the sun actually helped you when you were --

GAGANJEET BHULLAR: I don't know whether it helped, but I just -- I guess I -- I guess I read the line properly on those holes and it was just that one of those momentum. You know, I got into a good momentum and one thing led to the next and that's how I made

those birdies.

Q. I think there's a lot of positives that you can take into the next three rounds after today's round?

GAGANJEET BHULLAR: Well, in this tournament you have to stay positive. There's no room for error because -- especially for us, this is the only tournament which we get to play in. We don't get too many chances to showcase our game like PGA TOUR guys, so we don't have any option. It's a do-or-die situation for all the Asian Tour members and especially for me. I am 30, I'm not that young anymore and I'm heading towards my peak. I need to step up and do something and get my PGA TOUR card. Otherwise, playing on the Asian Tour and Europe, it's good but it's definitely not what I really want to do after the age of 30.

Q. Must be giving you some sort of satisfaction because you are the Indian whiz right now leading on the board?

GAGANJEET BHULLAR: No, it's too early. Wait for another four hours, we'll have another -- a few other guys under par. I think it's too early. The goal is to get better, to play well in the next 54 holes.