

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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ANIRBAN LAHIRI (-4)

Q. Anirban, nice round today. I know not the way you wanted to finish, but still a solid start. If we can get some comments.

ANIRBAN LAHIRI: No, I'm really excited about how I'm playing. I think I played really, really good today. Puttered pretty bad, to be honest, and still shot a good score. Yeah, I think the time off working with my coach, going back to India, like I can feel that confidence. I'm seeing shots better, I'm hitting much, much better golf shots. So I'm really happy. Obviously you've got to go clean up a little bit and hopefully kind of bring it all together.

Q. You've opened in the 60s every time you've played this tournament. You really like this track, don't you?

ANIRBAN LAHIRI: I did not know that. No, it's a lot like what I played growing up. Bermuda is something that comes naturally to me, although I don't think I've ever played bermuda greens as fast as this, especially when you get on the wrong side of the slopes. I think, yeah, I think it's a good track. You've got to get it around, you've got to shape shots and you also have to kind of be strategic in where you leave yourself to certain pins. Yeah, I enjoy it. Obviously, like you said, I've shot some good scores and hopefully I can just build on this.

Q. How were the conditions today, especially with the heat?

ANIRBAN LAHIRI: I think we got lucky just being out early, second group. I think it was good. The first nine holes was mild, for me at least, and then on the back nine the heat started getting up. You almost want a little bit of a breeze here. It might make playing a little bit harder, but overall it kind of definitely helps with temperature regulation.

Q. And just your mindset with this being the last regular season event as you look to make a push in the Playoffs?

ANIRBAN LAHIRI: Absolutely. I've kind of cooled off a little bit since May. I had a good stretch going there from THE PLAYERS onward, I had some good momentum, took a break and haven't really been able to get back to playing my best. And I've not played the last three weeks, that was another decision I took with just going and seeing my coach and just getting back to where I believe that when I heat up, that I can contend and I can really compete and I feel that way starting this week. So like I said, I'm looking to build on this. Lots of good things and hopefully just clean up some of the other departments.