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**Were you able to reset yourself right after your bogey on 17H?**

It was a shame that I missed par there. But, I had a little time to clear my head and think as the 18H was jammed, so I was able to get on the 18H tee clear-headed, and I wasn't impacted by the 17th bogey there.

**18H tee shot was another great shot. Do you feel that you have grown or matured as a player?**

I think I was able to play that hole with a strong feeling that if I couldn't bounce back here, I wouldn't be able to compete here at the top, and that strong guts brought the eagle.

**Can you elaborate a little more on what you mean by "I wouldn't be able to compete here at the top"?**

It would have been shameful if the game had ended with a simple par, and I feel good that I could create a good momentum at the very end to start the final day in good shape.

**With the impressive 18H eagle, are you now seeing yourself competing for the win tomorrow?**

On the 18H, I was only thinking about making up for the 17H, so was not really thinking about such a thing. But with 8-under, I guess the top crowd is not totally out of sight, so I would like to accumulate as many birdies as possible throughout the day and finish off with my best golf.

**All pars through 16 holes, what was in your mind through the round?**

I put myself in a bad spot in the middle of the round and also on the 15<sup>th</sup>, but I think I grinded out with patience and kept hitting birdie putts. So I was playing in a mood, thinking the momentum could change at any moment. I think my mindset and how I played today would be good momentum for tomorrow.

**Never felt impatience?**

No.

**Being in a good position changed your mentality?**

In the Sony Open, I was in a good position at the beginning but could not be aggressive enough to aim at the pin positions of 3R, which ended up with my shots going beyond the pins a lot. Today, I could hit good second shots to where I should. I could not make as many birdies as possible compared to yesterday, but this is the game of golf, so I was convinced by that fact, and I was not too stressed, which shows my improvement.

**Is your game getting better?**

It is getting to be fitted in the range that I expect. But still, my spin control and direction of balls are not exactly how I want. Therefore, there are some challenges to deal with.

**What is your goal tomorrow? Position? Or your game?**

The game will be important. If I could finish up after playing perfectly, I think I would be able to change where I will be playing next year. That is my goal, and I want to do my best.

