

PRE-TOURNAMENT INTERVIEW
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Q. You've had your practice round already on this golf course. How do you feel about it and does it fit your game?

KIRADECH APHIBARNRAT: Oh, this golf course is all depends on the calculate the distance because it's really high altitude and it's going to be a couple yards longer, which is really difficult to adjust. It's not really consistent. It can be 20 percent longer, it can be 18, 15 or 10. Just you have to get into the shot, get into the feel how the ball's going to go. The golf course is in great condition. Some holes you have to go for it, some holes you have to play easy, back off. But everyone going to have really similar game planning this week.

Q. When you talk about the distances, 10 percent or 20 percent, how do you commit to the shot? Is it just about feel or is it just committing to what you think is the right number?

KIRADECH APHIBARNRAT: Yeah, it depends on the ball flight as well. It's all about the feel and the ball flight. It's all about practicing on the range when the sun -- when the heat is getting up and if you can control the ball. If you can control the launch, you can get really similar distance. If you're hitting too high or too low, you will add or lose some distance, which is the key for this golf course especially.

Q. You've come to Mexico with a win from Australia not too long ago. You must be feeling quite confident with your game and with yourself?

KIRADECH APHIBARNRAT: Yeah, comfortable and confident with the way I'm swinging, the way I'm striking balls. I really enjoy my golf game at the moment. Four more days here is what I enjoy, every single minute that I spend in Mexico and the World Golf Championship. I'm doing very good so far, so just keep doing what I'm doing.

Q. Not many players get to play in the World Golf Championships events every year, but you have a chance now, you get to play this week, you get to play the Match Play as well in a few weeks' time. When these opportunities come for you, what are the goals that you set for yourself that when you leave on Sunday you are happy with everything that's happened?

KIRADECH APHIBARNRAT: I'm coming really close many times to get this tour to get playing on top of the PGA TOUR in a World Golf event. Now like I was saying, I'm really enjoying the way I'm playing, really comfortable with the swing, really enjoying my life, so just don't want to force myself anymore. I just want to play and go out there and enjoy the golf course, enjoy the spectators, and playing my golf game. If it coming nicely, walk away

with whatever, the trophy or top-5, accept it and not just -- there's still a lot of golf to go, I'm not going to quit in a couple years. I've got a lot of golf to go the next 30 years. Just keep enjoy every single minute that I spend.

Q. You don't get intimidated anymore when you watch people like Dustin Johnson on the driving range, Justin Thomas or whoever. When you step onto the first tee tomorrow, what is your goal for the first day, what's important knowing that it's the first day of the tournament of a big event like Mexico?

KIRADECH APHIBARNRAT: Yeah, things when you have a lot of target, a lot of goal that's been set up, like I say I really want to play my game. I don't want to force myself, put a lot of pressure to myself. I just want to stay calm and walk every single step with myself and talk to myself what I'm doing here, what I have to do, stay patient with the shot.

Q. Compared to the form that you're in now versus 2014 when you were Asian Tour No. 1, you won many tournaments on the European Tour as well, how do you see your game now versus three years ago, four years ago?

KIRADECH APHIBARNRAT: Well, 2013-14 was one of the best form I've been playing, but I can say now I'm going up a little bit, I'm getting more experienced. I can control myself playing under pressure. Compare to between now and the past, I think now is more consistent versus I wouldn't say now is better, but I think it's more consistent. Playing smart, playing not just (inaudible) every single shot. But I'm saying sometimes you have to just go for it, sometimes you have to back off, but compared to when I was -- 2014, 2013, I want to whack every single drive on this golf course for sure. One thing just want to stay calm and playing smarter as well.

Q. You spent a lot of time trying to get your PGA TOUR card. Now that you're in the world top-50, do you see this being the best chance for you to get a PGA TOUR card from the exemptions you'll be getting for the majors and the World Golf Championships?

KIRADECH APHIBARNRAT: Yeah, exactly. I got a lot of (inaudible) this year, especially in World Golf and major. I think I going to try to play maximum with the nonmember of PGA TOUR, which is like 12 events, including World Golf. If I'm playing well the first couple weeks and started from here and playing well at the majors, getting really close to get my tour card. Trying hard, everything that I can on this tour.

Q. Do you feel comfortable now playing and living in the States?

KIRADECH APHIBARNRAT: I just feel comfortable everywhere. A lot of friends over, a lot of friends and Thai food. It doesn't feel away from home. Especially a couple of the LPGA Tour players like Moriya and Ariya and Pornanong, they will spend more time. So when I just miss home, I just see them and just feel like you have friend, family here. It's not far away. I mean, I just feel really comfortable everywhere that if I want to play and enjoy my

life, I can play everywhere.

Q. Wherever you go, the Thai players always find Thai restaurants and you're very comfortable with Thai food. This week have you been successful in finding a Thai restaurant?

KIRADECH APHIBARNRAT: Not yet, but you know what, I got very good Japanese food, which is one of the best food as well, my favorites. I spend four, five years in Japan, I love Japanese food. I miss the Japanese Tour, a lot of good friends, good staff, and if I go back to Japan again after this week, I'm going to eat Japanese food all day.