

**ROUND 2 INTERVIEW**  
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**CT PAN ( -11)**



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**Q. CT, great start. Ball-striking was great, but to get birdies out of 17 and 18 coming in is a real bonus.**

**CT PAN:** Yeah, it's huge. Those two holes are tough holes out there and my wife told me just keep my head straight and then hit a lot of good shots. Always -- if you hit a good shot, you always get some reward, so that's what I'm trying to do out there.

**Q. One better today with a little breezier conditions, ball-striking really leading on that one. You have to be really proud with where you are trending into today?**

**CT PAN:** Yeah, I love this course. It's breezy, my ball-striking has to go -- sorry, trajectory tends to be lower than compared to other guys, so I think I have an advantage here. I hit some good shots out there, too.

**Q. No stress out here this week compared to a lot of the other guys in terms of playing, but a good week here from a positioning standpoint whether you win or not in terms of giving you a lot of points and farther into the Playoffs and just trying to build into them?**

**CT PAN:** Yeah, absolutely. Every shot worth some points. You know, because of those points you might miss some tournaments. Like the two tournaments in Asia, might miss those two tournaments by a couple points and you don't want to have -- they might be the tournaments you might actually have a chance to win in a season. So I think every point's worth a lot out here and every shot matters.

**Q. Can you talk a little bit about how you came to play golf? Your mother was a caddie, is that how you got into it?**

**CT PAN:** Yeah, my mother was a caddie back home in Taiwan. That's pretty much how my dad, my brother knows there's a sport called golf because it wasn't popular back home. So my mother pretty much gave me -- introduced golf to me.

**Q. She's the only one in your family who's into golf?**

**CT PAN:** My brother also plays golf, yeah. And my dad, too.

**Q. And when did you come over here to go to IMG Academy?**

**CT PAN:** When I was 15.

**Q. Was that a hard decision?**

**CT PAN:** Yeah, I didn't know much English back there so it was really hard. I had to -- my golf game was good, but other than that, I had to start from scratch. As a kid, I came here by myself as well. It was a tough stretch.

**Q. What was that like for you?**

**CT PAN:** I was on my own. I mean, I have some friends here, but it's just tough. You know, you cannot communicate with someone else. If you have something in mind, you don't want to call home and tell your parents because that only makes them worry more. In the end, that doesn't help. But you don't speak to your friends because -- I mean, I couldn't speak what I feel because my lack of the English ability. So it was just tough. After that, I adapted really well.

**Q. What encouraged you to go over there and play? Were there people back in Taiwan telling you that you needed to come over and work on your game over here?**

**CT PAN:** Yeah. I've been trying to promote -- I have a junior camp in Taiwan every December trying to promote college golf in the U.S. because I think it's really, it's a great bridge to -- for kids in Asia in amateur golf to transition to pro golf. So I've been trying to promote that and help them to understand what's going on on the U.S. side.

**Q. And how long did it take you to where you felt like you could -- you were fluent in English and felt comfortable?**

**CT PAN:** I mean, three, four years at least.

**Q. Really?**

**CT PAN:** Yeah. After college -- high school and college, that really helped me.

**Q. Did you study it or did you just pick it up?**

**CT PAN:** I studied really hard. I mean, I can tell you in college, miss one chapter, (no microphone.) That's just how much effort to put in to be able to understand the full context.