

**PRE-TOURNAMENT INTERVIEW**  
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**ABRAHAM ANCER**

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**Q. If you could define your progress from last year, when you were 260th on the World Ranking, and now that you are 200 places higher, how would you define it?**

**ABRAHAM ANCER:** I feel that my golf has improved a lot in all aspects. This tournament helped me a lot, I played against the best players in the world on a course that is not easy to play. You have to know how to play here, it's a complicated course and it taught me a lot. At the tournaments I played after competing here, I felt a lot more comfortable, allowing myself to play. Early in your professional career, there are many times in which you feel a bit of pressure and you don't allow yourself to play your game, so I feel it helped me a lot with that.

**Q. As you gain experience, is there a moment in which you say, "I can do this, I can compete against the best in the world."**

**ABRAHAM ANCER:** I feel that the process I went through last year was very good for that. I had the opportunity to play with the best players in the world, not only here, but at the other PGA TOUR events. I played with guys inside the top-10, so that helped me a lot, because you realize it's more of a mental thing. Everybody here strikes the ball incredible, some hit it stronger than others, but everybody hits it really well. It all depends on how strong you are mentally and I feel that I have also improved about that.

**Q. What did you learn last year about this golf course?**

**ABRAHAM ANCER:** I think last year I was a bit aggressive off the shot. Obviously the fairways were firmer than this year, so maybe you can hit a few more drivers. It is a course in which you need to have experience, playing it two or three years helps a lot for the following year. I feel I took some good notes last year. The greens in general are difficult to read, so I have many notes I took last year that I can use this year. You have to get a good feel for the course.

**Q. What is your first memory of Tiger?**

**ABRAHAM ANCER:** I have too many memories, one of the most exciting moments that I got to watch live (on TV) was his chip-in from behind the green at No. 16 in Augusta. That was amazing!

**Q. What will be the strategy? You know that when you go out with Tiger there are so many things going on that can distract you. What is the game plan?**

**ABRAHAM ANCER:** It's really hard to know what I'm going to feel when I get there, once I

get to the first tee, but obviously I'm ready for everything. I know there's going to be a lot of people following us, people moving around, making noise, which is normal when you play with Tiger. I'm going to try to enjoy it, because it can get into your head and affect you. I will try to enjoy it, take the positives and enjoy the two rounds that I'm going to play with Tiger.

**Q. What do you dream of this week?**

**ABRAHAM ANCER:** A good result. Obviously, I try not to set any goals. I try to go day by day, but I want to show what I can do in golf and to do it here in Mexico would be very special.

**Q. Finally, as a Mexican, what do you think of a legend like Tigre in your country?**

**ABRAHAM ANCER:** When the news came out last week, we were at Riviera playing the prior tournament. I felt very excited because I feel that Mexican golf is enjoying in a special moment. Tiger coming to this tournament is going to motivate our fans.