

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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ABRAHAM ANCER (E)



Q. A very emotional day, you got to play with Tiger in your home country.

ABRAHAM ANCER: It was incredible. I didn't really know how I was going to feel like, until me and Tiger were announced on the first tee. I obviously felt quite nervous there for the tee shot, because it's not an easy shot at all. I felt really well, it was really nice day, it was a fight too because the greens are playing difficult, but I tried to enjoy as much as I could. The fans were unbelievable. I felt a lot of support throughout the entire day, so it was a really nice round.

Q. Tell us about the pressure you can feel on a day like this. It was a Thursday, but it felt like a tournament Saturday or Sunday.

ABRAHAM ANCER: Yes, I could feel a lot of pressure, especially because I wanted to play the best I could in front of my people and playing with Tiger for the first time. I feel I did a pretty good job. It was not playing easy late this afternoon, over the last nine holes there were a lot of footprints on the greens, so it was difficult to make any putts, even if you were close, you could feel the nerves when you were putting regardless of who you are, that's what I think at least. All of us were battling out there on the greens.

Q. What did you learn about playing with Tiger?

ABRAHAM ANCER: A lot, especially about patience. He got off to a bad start, making a double-bogey. He didn't say anything and then managed to make three birdies in a row. The most important thing is that I felt very comfortable, so that gives me a lot of confidence.

Q. What's going to be the key for you over the next three days?

ABRAHAM ANCER: Making more putts and that's it for all of us. Maybe, I need to strike my irons a little better, but off the tee I struck nicely, I just need more accuracy with my irons and make more putts.