

**ROUND 1 INTERVIEW**  
**November 15, 2019**



**DANNY LEE (-9)**

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**Q. Well, you absolutely lit it up today at the Mayakoba Golf Classic, 9-under 62 for you, Danny. How were you able to take advantage of this course given all the rain we've had this week?**

**DANNY LEE:** I don't know. Something about this course that just suits my eye very well. I can read the breaks very well and I putted very well today. I had a hot front nine and I shot 29 on the front. That really gave me the good momentum to finish at 9 under first round.

**Q. You get to 10 under through 13. At any point does your mind start to wander and count how many holes you had left and what you would have had to do to go sub 60?**

**DANNY LEE:** Yeah. On No. 14, I really wanted to make that birdie putt I had. I think I was less than 15 feet and I just gave a little too much extra and just ran three feet by and missed the next one. After that, I was just on cruise control.

**Q. I know we've both been coming here a number of years. Like you've said, you've had some success, a runner-up a year ago. With all the rain you've seen, have you seen this course play this soft before?**

**DANNY LEE:** Yes and no. It always rains here every year. It seems like it just happened to rain all day yesterday, but all the maintenance guys and the rules officials did a fantastic job today and just played very nicely out there.

**Q. Danny, a wonderful start to the round today. To get off to as fast of a start as you did on the front nine given the wait, given how wet this golf course was, I know you had to be very pleased with how you started.**

**DANNY LEE:** Yes, I definitely had a very hot front nine. I think it was 2015 I made seven birdies in a row starting from the front. Somehow that got into my head and I think that kind of helped my momentum game in the middle of the front nine. Shot 29 on the front, that kind of gave me the momentum to shoot 9 under first round. It was definitely good playing today.

**Q. You were 10 under through 13. At what point in time, was there any thought out there about how special the round could go today --**

**DANNY LEE:** Yeah, yeah.

**Q. -- or was it just one of those things where it just balances out eventually?**

**DANNY LEE:** Definitely, it was in my head, 59 or 58. I never shot that score out on the PGA TOUR before, so I really wanted to make that happen. On 14, I had a three percent downhill, less than 15-footer for birdie and I just -- just one of those days I felt like I can make anything today. I just gave a little too much extra and hit it through the break and missed the next one coming back. I was a little bit bummed out on that one, but still, 9 under is a great start.

**Q. I was going to say, if I told you at the beginning of the day you would have shot 62, you would gladly take it, but with the way it sort of started, it's sort of interesting, how do you mentally wrap around how positive of a day it really was even though you probably could have gone lower than that?**

**DANNY LEE:** Yeah, I can only take positives from today's round. A lot of good shots, a lot of good putts, and the score just shows. I shot 9 under today. Something about this course that suits my eye very well and I can read the break very well. I just got to keep doing what I've been doing, I think.

**Q. I heard you say that this was the best you had felt with the putter in quite a while. When was the last time you had it this hot?**

**DANNY LEE:** Probably in Korea. For some reason, starting from Korea, my game felt really, really good. I changed my swing a little bit to gain distance off the tee a little bit and I really feel like this new swing is grooving into my body now. I feel very comfortable with all my clubs and even with my wedges. I think it's showing, it's been showing a lot of good results.

**Q. I know you said on 14 you started to think about 59 a little bit.**

**DANNY LEE:** I did. I had a three percent downhill, less than 15-footer for birdie on No. 14 and I felt like I can just make anything, anything from everywhere whenever it's on the green. I just gave that one a little bit extra and I hit it three feet by and missed the next one. A little bit bummed out on that, but still, 9 under is a great start.

**Q. A 59 was not out of play because you actually came very close to birdieing the par-3 next hole.**

**DANNY LEE:** Right. That one lipped out, but it was outside -- almost outside 20 feet, so I wasn't really expecting much. But if that putt would have gone in, that would have been a little different story, but I'm still happy with it.