ROUND 3 INTERVIEW NOVEMBER 6, 2021

ANIRBAN LAHIRI



Q. Just some comments on your round today, how you felt out there.

ANIRBAN LAHIRI: I actually felt really good, but got off to a horror start. Lost my concentration on the second hole and made a bad swing on the third hole and kind of compounded some errors. To be 3 over after three on this golf course, you're putting yourself in a really tough spot. Especially that front nine is where you have to try and maximize, you have a lot of holes. So I had to kind of gather myself and kind of claw my way back.

Managed to make some birdies and continued to I think golf pretty good after that. I think after the third hole I played pretty solid, more like how I've been playing. A little frustrating to finish weak. Hit an average shot on 16 and got a really bad lie in the bunker, got plugged. Then on 17 hit a good drive and didn't capitalize after having a pretty good look at birdie.

So all in all it's quite disappointing. I feel like I've been playing really well and I enjoy this golf course. I feel like I can put some good numbers together, but just getting off to that bad start today kind of put me on the back foot. Fought as hard as I could and have to go out there and try to shoot lights out tomorrow.

Q. How do you gather yourself? Like what's the process that you go through after that start that you had?

ANIRBAN LAHIRI: Well, I think some of it has to come back to just going back to doing what you've been doing. I've been hitting a lot of fairways, I've been giving myself a lot of looks, leaving myself in the right spots to the right pin positions, which is really important on this golf course. I just kind of went back to my own blueprint of how I want to play, my own strategies and what's worked for me well over the years. I just said, okay, I've got a bunch of holes left, a lot of opportunities to make birdie. I just need to keep giving myself those opportunities and I'm bound to make a few. Just kind of started building some positivity from there on in.

Q. And tomorrow, what's your mindset? I know Matthew Wolff shot 61 or 10 under the first day. I mean, anything can happen.

ANIRBAN LAHIRI: If you're playing your A-game, you can shoot anything. It was a pleasure going out with Viktor today. He didn't putt that well, to be honest. He could have shot 59 today as easily as he shot a 62. That's what this golf course allows you to do. If you really go out there and you hit quality golf shots and the greens are playing really well, I think with all the rain we've had, the golf course is probably in better shape in terms of scoring on

the weekend than it is usually in the years past because it dries out. So again, you have to take advantage of that. You get off to a good start, build that momentum and try and keep making birdies and just go as low as you can.

Q. What's your favorite thing from Mexico so far? Something that you take from --

ANIRBAN LAHIRI: I love the weather, to be honest. I love it when it's hot and humid, it reminds me of home. I grew up playing on Paspalum as well. The grass on the golf course is Paspalum and that's something I'm very comfortable on. I kind of know what the ball does from what kind of lies. I feel very much at home.

People are wonderful, food's nice. Yeah, this is a great week, something that I look forward to playing and I've enjoyed playing this golf course and I've had some success. Hopefully tomorrow I can put a really good round together.