
Q. You made an analogy as to how you feel after that round?

ANIRBAN LAHIRI: I just said that it feels like I've just gone 12 rounds in a pro boxing match. You're fighting everything, you're fighting your body, the elements, the water, the cold, the conditions. Yeah, it's tough work and you just have to grit your teeth and kind of grind it out.

Q. Did you do anything -- yesterday had similar type conditions, today it was a little more wind, colder. When you come into a round like this, what's your main focus personally to you?

ANIRBAN LAHIRI: Again, lots of cliches going around, but you just have to think about the next shot because it's hard to commit to shots, it's hard to make decisions. So you have to get really clear before you pull the trigger what exactly you're trying to do, and that's almost the easy part because executing it is no joke.

Like I said, you're fighting a lot of elements, including how your body's doing, including everything else that's going on. You just try and stay in the moment and find your ball and hit it and try and think of okay, where do I put it next. Unless you have the perfect club and the perfect lie and all the stars line up, I don't even know if you're going at too many flags because the chances of you walking away dropping a few shots are very high. You're just trying to position yourself in places where you can have a legitimate look at birdie, but you want to be on the side where you're not going to make a big number because it's easy to do that.

Q. Is there something about your game that enjoys these conditions because it's very similar at THE PLAYERS earlier this year where you finished runner-up.

ANIRBAN LAHIRI: I don't know. I guess people have quipped that I'm a good player in tough conditions or tough golf courses or bad weather, but I think all those things have the same thing in common and you have to kind of move on. You're going to hit some good shots that are going to end up in bad spots, but you just have to move on. You have to hit the next one because it's happening to everyone. You're not the only one who feels like he's being let down by the conditions. So I guess I enjoy the challenge of just accepting what's going on and just trying to move on and hit the next shot.

I also think that I've worked really hard on my short game, and on days like this you're not going to hit a lot of greens. You have to back yourself to get up and down on most, I'm going to say more than 30, 40 percent of the holes and I think that's something that's also helped

me.

Q. Take us briefly through the birdies at 8, 9 and what's going through your head when you hit that 70-footer on 10 that just comes up short?

ANIRBAN LAHIRI: Eight, I was in between clubs. I think I had 165 and it was helping and I usually hit my 8-iron about 168, but I didn't even think of hitting an 8-iron because the wind was off the left. To get it there I would have to try and hold it up. So I hit a 7. Again, a lot of guesswork just hoping to be right. Hit a good shot to about 25 feet and then again just trying to gauge how these -- because it's a very hilly golf course, so you get a lot of greens where you look at the green and it looks uphill but it's not because it's built into a slope. Just trying to figure out how it was sloping. Hit a good putt, rolled in the middle. That felt really good because it's hard, it's hard to judge speed and you're trying to figure out how much is going to break. Like I said, slopes.

On 9 I had a really good picture in my head. I had a really good club, hit a Smith 6-iron tried to keep it below the wind. Hit it pin high left, which was an ideal place to hit it. When I got to the green, the line kind of popped out and I could see, I had a good feel probably coming off 8. Put a good stroke on it. It was nice to see that disappear.

On 10 I had 134 yards and I legitimately hit a 150-yard 9-iron that went 113 yards. So I'm looking at this 80-footer or whatever many feet that was. At one point in time I brought my caddie in and I was contemplating chipping it because the slope was so extreme. Then I thought to myself like there's so much moisture on these greens right now that there's a chance that I could probably hit it inside four or five feet. I was just trying to get the speed right because really the line was obvious. I either hit it in the rough or just on the green. So I had to hit it there. It's just a matter of trying to get the right speed to have it finish within four, five feet. Ended up hanging up on the lip, but you must have seen me smiling because I would have taken it four feet further away from where it was when I started. I walk away with a 5 from that place, you just accept it and be thankful.

Q. What can you draw on tomorrow as you try to win this golf tournament?

ANIRBAN LAHIRI: Like I said, it's easy because you're not even thinking about winning a golf tournament, you're just thinking about the next shot. You can't get ahead of yourself. The moment you do that, you're done, you're toast. Right now I'm a little disappointed I drove it really poorly on the back nine, so that's all I'm thinking about now, how do I hit more fairways coming in, how do I keep it in the short stuff, because even from the short stuff it's hard to judge it. And if you're in the rough, it's getting to the point where it's just a hack-out because there's just so much water that the clubs -- you would have seen it, the club's just not getting through the grass at all. Yeah, right now I'm just thinking about hitting fairways and we'll deal with your answer maybe when I get to 16 or 17. Like I said, you just keep your head down and just keep playing. People are going to shoot some numbers out there, so I think as long as you're making pars and giving yourself looks at birdies, you're going to be in a decent spot.