

DICK'S SPORTING GOODS OPEN

ROUND 2 QUOTES

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KEN TANIGAWA (-11)

Q. Incredible round, 7 under 65 today puts you right at the top. Just a few comments on how you got it done today?

KEN TANIGAWA: I started out great, I got it to 9 under and just hit a lot of good shots, made the putts to capitalize on those good shots. Overall, very happy, very good round for myself.

Q. Billy Andrade talked earlier, he said every year we come here and say the course has never looked better, it's never been in better condition, but I really believe it this year. How much is the course credited for how well everybody's playing this week?

KEN TANIGAWA: Well, it's in fabulous shape, it really is. The rough seems higher than years past, so I don't know if that really is conducive to lower scores. Yeah, no, it's in great shape, it's in wonderful shape. The greens roll beautifully and it's just nice and green.

Q. Kenny, at one time you were 12 for 12, the first 12 holes, in greens in regulation. What do you credit that to? Is that the ball in the fairway? Is it where you're at?

KEN TANIGAWA: Ball in the fairway, for sure. That always helps, right? I had probably good numbers, which helped. Just when you attack the pins, it kind of makes sense with those numbers and if not, just kind of hit middle of the greens if you can.

Q. The bounce-back on 16, what was that?

KEN TANIGAWA: It was very big. Any bounce-back's good, right? Yeah, I just fell asleep on 15 and 16, some bad shots, harder holes. Just need to focus a little bit better and see what happens tomorrow.

Q. Can you ever think of a round where you've had a double bogey and two eagles?

KEN TANIGAWA: No, not off the top of my head. As long as there's two eagles and one double as opposed to two doubles and an eagle, I guess that's OK. No, I can't remember the last time I did something like that.

Q. Talk a little about the back nine, how it was kind of a rollercoaster for you.

KEN TANIGAWA: It was very much a rollercoaster. I mean, I made some birdies and made



that eagle again. Hit two great shots and a great putt, it was a hard putt. Then made a bad swing on 14, the par 3, and really left myself -- it wasn't as difficult, but I had a downhill lie out of the rough and fluffed it. Hit a horrible drive on 16 and just really didn't trust it and hit it in the water, so it was easy to do because of that. Yeah, and then I bounced back and made birdie on 16 and then hit some good shots coming in and just two-putted for par. Yeah, overall very happy, very pleased.

