ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES December 12, 2025



ANGEL YIN TOM HOGE

Q. Here now with Angel and Tom after their first round here at the Grant Thornton Invitational. Just kind of take us through the round today. What was the key to success out there?

ANGEL YIN: You want -- well, I think we just really bounced off each other. Like he hit it really close, he made some putts and then he made the putts that I missed. I think we just ham-and-egged really well out there. Teamwork, I think it's the essence of this tournament so I think we did really well and that's what showed up.

Q. What were maybe some of the -- what were some of the game plans or, you know, situations that you guys maybe talked through out there on the course that kind of came to fruition?

TOM HOGE: Yeah, I wouldn't say there's a whole lot. I'd say both of us are pretty laid back and just kind of rolled with what was coming next. I think it was a pretty relaxed day out there for us.

We made some nice putts off the start that kind of got things going, and then you kind of know in this format with the scramble, it's a little bit weird for us, we don't play it very often, but just hang in there today. There's not a lot of separation in the field I don't feel like today, but the next few days hopefully we'll be a little bit sharper and go make a move.

Q. Going into alternate shot tomorrow, is there a strategy that you guys have come up with so far for who's hitting first, what holes, anything like that?

ANGEL YIN: Yeah, we actually just talked about it. So I'm going to play off odds and he's going to play off evens because his iron game is just so good, not to use that on par 3s and take advantage of that. I think it's going to work out pretty good.

Q. How did this partnership come to be? Did someone ask another? How did it maybe come together?

TOM HOGE: Yeah, I didn't really know. I was just hoping for a spot in the field and I think Angel needed a partner so she got stuck with me. This is my third year playing. It's a great week here and I always look forward to coming back. Just enjoying this nice weather.

Q. How do you guys complement each other's game?



ANGEL YIN: I think I really lack in iron play to be honest and after CME, which is I think roughly like three weeks ago, so I'm like a month into my offseason. We're trying to shake off the icicles that's on me, and he's sharp. I think with me being here and knowing the greens a little bit slightly better, though I do struggle still here, he puts me close enough where I can be confident enough to make the putt and then obviously he picks up whatever I didn't make. I think that really just speaks a lot.

