



Wednesday interviews

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Kiradech Aphibarnrat (Tha)

When I won in Malaysia in 2013, it opened the gates for me to play in Europe and I won the Order of Merit in that same year. It was great for my career.

Talk a bit about the golf course?

The course is in good condition. I like this course because it is an old style course with big trees and new grass. It is a very challenging course and you need to find fairways to have a chance to score. It will be a tough week.

What is your game plan for the week?

I will still use driver on every hole even though the fairways are quite tight. If I hit it well, I will have a lot of short irons into the flag and that will give me more chances to score.

Do you hope to follow in the footsteps of Anirban Lahiri?

I want to congratulate Anirban for winning the Asian Tour Order of Merit last year. He is one of the best players in Asia and what he has achieved is great. I also look forward to play in the United States this year. Hopefully I will do well in some of the events there and get my PGA Tour card this year.

Since this is your honeymoon week, where is your wife? (Kiradech got married last week)

I contact her on social media. She teaches in Thailand so she can't come because her students have an exam next week. My mum will come here on Friday. I don't want to keep reminding my wife about the honeymoon because she will get angry! But she understands my work.

It is a big year for you, how important it is to win early in the year?

You must always try to win in every tournament you play in. But it is true, if you win early in the year, you will have much higher confidence. This is a big event with a lot of great players so I'm very happy to be part of it. If I win, I will earn a lot of Official World Golf Ranking points.

How's your game?

My game is good. I injured my neck at the EurAsia Cup (last month). I played the last few weeks in the Middle East. I made the cut but I didn't finish well because I wasn't 100% recovered yet. I'm fully recovered for this week and ready to go.