



Tuesday interviews

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Thoughts on playing in this new event?

I'm very excited to see the golf course. It is in fantastic shape. It is an old golf course with a lot of big trees and you have to keep the ball in play. It is nice to be playing in a new event. There are a lot of strong players this week and it feels nice to be here.

How's the game shaping up for this week?

I played four weeks in a row starting with the EurAsia Cup. My game is okay but I need to improve and be more confident with my putting. I was home last week so I practised last week to be ready for this week.

How hungry are you to win the Maybank Championship Malaysia?

This is a good golf course and I like playing here. I played here in 2002 but it is slightly different now. It is always nice to play in a new tournament and on a new golf course. It is a very challenging course. You need good tee shots here. It is a great golf course.

At your age, what keeps you motivated and is there anything you want to achieve?

I don't worry about my age. My age is not that important. I always look ahead and I always try to win as many tournaments as I can. I like golf. My life is golf. Without golf, my life is nothing. If I lose or win, it doesn't matter because I always enjoy playing golf.

Is it one of your goals to qualify for the Olympics?

It is my dream to play in the Olympics. I think this is a good time for me to play. If I can play in the Olympics it will be very good for my career and for my country.

What do you think the winner score will be?

We will know after the opening round. I played well today. I hit 8 birdies today in the pro-am. I think a 15 or 16-under will win the tournament.

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