



Tuesday Quotes

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The last 12 months have been a huge learning process for me. Patience is obviously a huge thing in golf, I know everybody says it but it is true. If you don't have patience, there is no way you will succeed.

This is my fourth week in a row and I'm resting as much as I can. I'm hitting it a little bit better as compared to EurAsia Cup so that's good. I know this course well. I think everybody will have a tough time on the greens.

My game has tightened up and I have been working really hard with my coaches. I feel I'm mentally and physically prepared. Definitely there's a chance (to win) but I need to stay patient and handle the pressure of playing in front of the home crowd.

I'm working with a new caddy. We started working together in Dubai last week. His name is Mark Crane (Scotland) and it has been working well so far. He is here this week. He caddied for Paul Casey, Chris Wood and he has experience of being a caddy in the Ryder Cup and Majors.

We are trying to get comfortable with each other but so far it is good. It is a different chemistry because I had my dad on the bag previously. He understands that you can't attack all the holes. You got to play it to the safe side, get your par and get out of there. For example, on hole number two. You want your par and get out of there. It is such a tough hole, so why make it tougher? Make it as simple as possible. Somebody of that level telling me that is a different thing. He had an injury and he was out for a while. Now he is on my bag.

If my brother (Galven) beats me, I won't be talking to him for a long time! He has no practice round and will only be arriving on Thursday morning. He has requested for a late tee time so



if he beats me, I won't talk to him for a long time. Thankfully, he hasn't called me and asked for advice but my father will be caddying for him and he has gone out to do his homework.

Shubhankar Sharma (Ind)

Life has changed a lot for me. Two years ago, I had to work very hard to save my card and last year I was very determined in the beginning to get off to a good start. I did start very well with three top-10s including a tied ninth result at the Maybank Championship. That finish here pretty much kick started things for me because it was my first top-10 on the European Tour and it gave me the confidence. I think that led to the win at the Joburg Open as well because I had the feeling that I belong here.

I feel much relaxed this week. I played in Abu Dhabi and Dubai in the last two weeks and I made cuts in both events. I'm feeling really good about my game and I have good memories here.

I'm going to enjoy myself because I've been missing all the fun I had on the Asian Tour. The conditions this week will be the same like the last two weeks in the Middle East. It will be hot and humid. It feels like I'm coming back to 'home'. I've played this course before I don't have to really learn anything new.

(On people branding him the next Indian rising star) I have no pressure; it is just more motivation for me. There have been people before me who have done better or won Majors at my age. There have been a lot of people who have achieved much more at my age so it is something that I can look forward to. I just want to keep putting myself in contention. It motivates me a lot more.

Paul Peterson (USA)

My goal would be to finish top-five here. My game still feels solid from last week and my energy is where I want it to be. I was so exhausted in Singapore but I like where my game is at and I just want to keep this momentum going.

I was on the east coast before Singapore Open so I struggled with the drastic change in weather coming to Singapore, which is one of the hottest places I have been to.

I was actually very surprised that I struggled in Singapore because I was playing well all through the end of last year and Sentosa is one of my favorite courses.

It's nice to have everything come together, my wedges feel good and I have been hitting a lot of fairways and greens. This course is longer than last week, there are a couple of holes that are tricky, like the second hole and the 14th. But I think I will still be provided with a lot



of opportunities to make birdies and if I take advantage of all the par fives and minimize mistakes it will be a good week.

I hope that having a bit more time practising in Singapore and Myanmar has prepared me for the weather this week. Just keeping myself hydrated and drinking lots of coconuts.

Henrik Stenson (Swe)

I haven't been playing much in Malaysia for the past ten years and now I've been here two times in a month so I'm back to being a local resident, I guess.

It's a nice place, obviously a little bit on the hot side for us northern Europeans but we'll get by that and hopefully have another good week here in the early part of the year.

I still feel like it's been a bit of a struggle, though, long game has not been where I want it to be but putting has been pretty solid. I kept it together nicely, not making many mistakes despite that and I'm happy with that.

Two top tens in the first two events and managed to get the win down here a few weeks ago so, all-in-all, a pleasing start but still got some things to work on.

It's continued to be pretty wet, it was wet when we were here three weeks ago and played the EurAsia Cup. The greens are very, very slow. I'm pretty pleased we're not playing Augusta next week because that would have been a big change. It's going to take a little bit of an effort to get the putts there but that's going to be the same for everyone."

Fabrizio Zanotti (Pry)

I am looking forward to it a lot but I am not thinking about it too much. I am just trying to enjoy the week, it's not often you defend a title so I am just trying to enjoy the week.

You need to be very patient here, all the guys are going to make a lot of birdies, so you are going to have plenty of opportunities and you won't make all of the birdies so to stay patient is very important for this week.

I'm feeling good. I played really good in Abu Dhabi, I worked hard in Paraguay for the beginning of the year and I am happy with my game, so hopefully this week I can play well again. The game is feeling good, I just think I need to do my thing and stay patient, play my own game.

Today when I played the 18th I saw the place where I holed the putt and it was just a really good day, a really good round and I won't forget those memories.



Alex Levy (Fra)

I am a little bit tired so I will try to keep my energy and try to do my best. Five weeks far from home and it's quite warm here, so I just do my best.

I will try to do my best this week but you know with golf sometimes it is good and sometimes it is not. I need to stay focused and to try my best.

I think they changed the order so it is a different stretch, so I would say the last six holes are the most important because you can make some birdies but get in trouble as well.

Kiradech Aphibarnrat (Tha)

Every time I come back to Malaysia, especially the Maybank Championship, the course is in fantastic shape and playing well.

I have been playing excellent golf the last few months and to start the beginning of the year I made both cuts, and every round of golf under par, so just looking forward to having some low rounds in the tournament this week.