



Sunday, February 21, 2016 – Flash Quotes

Marcus Fraser (Aus) – Final round 68 (-13), Total 269(-15)

Tell us how you feel?

Unbelievable. Six years since the last one. My kids keep saying every time I walk out the door “hey dad, can you bring home a trophy? and I’ll say I’ll try, I’ll try.” And this time I’ll take one home and I’ll get them to take it to school for show and tell. It’s going to be pretty cool. That’s the main reason why I wanted to win.

Tell us about 17 and 18?

17 was pretty ordinary. Hit a four iron and caught it a little thin and it rolled through the back of the green. Hit a great putt. On the last, I don’t know how I got that one to go in. That’s a pretty special feeling, that’s for sure. Six years ago it happened. It’s nice. Words just can’t describe the way I feel.

It’s been a long while?

I’ve had some serious injuries and I’ve had my fair share of chances to win and completely stuffed them up. That’s always at the back of your mind when you come out and playing such a big tournament like the Maybank Championship. It’s in the back of your mind and I went out there and I had nothing to lose. Luckily enough it fell my way.

A close battle with Lee?

It felt like I stayed there or thereabouts. He played great for four days and it was unfortunate he finished the way he did. But I felt like I played pretty well and I felt I deserved the trophy. The kids are going to have a ball and I can’t wait for it to give it to them to take to school.

Does this win change your season?

Yes, massively. I’m not 100% sure but hopefully it gets me into some tournament in the United States. For me with two young kids at home, my intentions this year was to play in a lot less tournaments and play more in Europe at the end of the season but I have to reassess that and talk to my wife. My priority at the moment is my two young kids. They have a normal life where they have to go to school. For me to be there to walk them to school is the most important part. Tournament wise, I will still play in a lot less but I’ll have job security in the next couple of years which is always good.

How important is this tournament?

Massively. Without Asia a lot of tournaments in Europe won’t exist. Competition out here against the Asian Tour is pretty fierce. Just look at the guys up there this week and every other week in the co-sanction events. The support that Maybank has had in golf is massive. Look at the foundations that they have and they promote golf around the world. It doesn’t go unnoticed. Coming to Asia and playing golf is a massive part of the European Tour and hopefully it continues to go on because it is huge and important.

Does this change your schedule? Will you maintain your minimum number of events on the Asian Tour?

For sure. There is pretty good incentive when you take up membership on the Asian Tour. I look to play my minimum but I always try to make the effort to play my minimum. I did it last year so fingers crossed I get to do it again this year. I love playing in Asia because I can be home first thing Monday morning with the kids and walk them to school. When I start slowing down, I want to play on the Asian Tour but this week has put that back by a few more years. I always like coming out here and support the Asian Tour as much as I can.