

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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KEN TANIGAWA (-10)

Q. I can't think of a better way to close a round than an eagle on the last hole.

KEN TANIGAWA: It's a great way to close a round, right? Of course, it's better than making a bogey, for sure.

Q. And you bounced back from a bogey right before that, right?

KEN TANIGAWA: I did. I bogeyed 17, that was my lone bogey. Hit in a fairway bunker, hit a bad shot and those are easy to do. Hit it way short of the green, chipped it up and missed a putt, so add it up to 5, that was easy.

Q. And talk about 18.

KEN TANIGAWA: I had a really good drive, I hit 8-iron in there. It's a par 5. I just made a really long putt. I was just trying to two-putt, hit it on the green and try to make 4 some way, somehow. It just happened to go in. You don't expect to make those. It was every bit of 40 feet down the hill or so, 30 feet or whatever it was. It was good.

Q. Do you feel good about your position going into tomorrow?

KEN TANIGAWA: Yeah. I don't know, I wasn't looking at the board at all, so if I'm close to the top, sure. It's better than not being there.

Q. You're right at the top, you're at 10.

KEN TANIGAWA: We've got the whole afternoon guys to play, but yeah, that's where you want to be. It's better than being the other way around, I guess. It's good.

Q. Ken, how about the opportunity especially here at Pebble, to be able to make a run at a win, what does that sort of mean?

KEN TANIGAWA: It means a lot. It would just be incredible. Pebble could be my favorite place to play golf. That's what I was telling you yesterday. I've been playing here since amateur, our state am used to be up here. It's just a magical place, especially when weather's like this. I just love it here.

Q. Did you play PGA TOUR, the AT&T and all?

KEN TANIGAWA: No.

Q. Just amateur at Pebble?

KEN TANIGAWA: Yeah. Then we played some other stuff up here, but yeah, our state am used to be up here every year. It was at Cypress, too, believe it or not. 36 hole Cypress and Pebble, and then it went in match play at Pebble. It was unbelievable. This is eons ago. They used to have the TOUR event at Cypress, right? Pretty cool.

Q. The state am, that's pretty impressive.

KEN TANIGAWA: It's really impressive. It was fun. Whenever you had opportunities to come up here and play, it's pretty cool.

Q. So playing with your juniors, how has it been this week? Does it make it extra special?

KEN TANIGAWA: Yeah. I think it's fun. This tournament is a win for everybody and it's incredible that PURE does that, and The First Tee. It's just neat. It helps, it will help me relax really. Talking to the kids kind of deflects some of the competitiveness in the round if that makes sense. It was good.