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Q. 1-under today, 5-under for the championship. It was a tricky day with the weather, can you talk about your experience?

Chen: It was unfortunate with the weather delay, but I think we got luckier, because we managed to still finish before it went dark. I was playing alright today, my irons were working well, putts were going in. So yeah, weather delay was a nice little break in between from the heat, and I'm glad I managed to recover well from it.

Q. What did you do during the delay?

Chen: Went to the locker room and made bracelets.

Q. You made them with a few of the other players?

Chen: Yeah, there were a bunch of Aussies – basically the entire Australian team were there. I made it with the other Singaporean who finished playing in the morning.

Q. Was the course playing noticeably different after the rain?

Chen: I think the greens were a little slower after the rain, definitely a lot softer since it was wet. I noticed my ball started spinning more. And we got lucky, because on hole No. 8, that par 3, it's really long today, and I think the rain really helped soften that green, which allowed spin and stopping the ball faster. So, I got lucky there.

Q. Did knowing the greens had softened up change your approach to that long par 3 specifically?

Chen: It didn't change my club selection, but the landing spot was a bit different.

Q. Switching gears to match play tomorrow, what's your experience level in that format?

Chen: It's been a while since I did match play. I have confidence in my game right now, though, so hopefully it'll show tomorrow.

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