T-Mobile Match Play presented by MGM Rewards

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Ariya Jutanugarn

Quick Quotes

Q. Okay, here with Ariya after her quarterfinal match at T-Mobile Match Play presented by MGM Rewards. Very solid 4&2 victory over Maja Stark. What went into today?

ARIYA JUTANUGARN: Today is a good day, but I feel so, so tired. In the afternoon it's kind of like just make sure I have enough energy to finish 18 hole, so didn't focus about anything much. Make sure I drink lots of water, eat good, and, you know, save my energy.

Q. How are you able to kind of save that energy on the course and all that stuff?

ARIYA JUTANUGARN: It's hard. You know, I've been walking so slow. My caddie carry the golf bag, walk like 100 yard past me.

So it's really tough, but I just make sure like I sit down sometime when I have time and I just make sure I drink lots of water.

Q. I believe this is the second time you made it to play on Sunday. What is it about this format or course that brings out some of those strengths?

ARIYA JUTANUGARN: I feel like this course set up perfect for match play. You know, you can have good hole, bad hole, you can win even like when you made par.

So to me, I just so, so proud myself to come like this far because didn't expect to play in the weekend at all this week.

Q. Last one: How do you mentally prepare yourself to play potentially more than 18 holes tomorrow?

ARIYA JUTANUGARN: I just have to make sure I have a good sleep tonight.

Q. So you mentioned earlier in the week low expectations or no expectations. Then you beat Nelly





and now into the semifinals. What are the expectations now?

ARIYA JUTANUGARN: My expectation, make sure I can walk all day tomorrow. That's it. Because like what I said before. Came to this week I didn't feel good at all. I've been working on some stuff and I didn't feel good about my swing.

I came this far, it's just like a gift.

Q. You said that you really didn't have -- didn't put your expectations on yourself when you were in the same group with Nelly. Do you maintain that mindset? And if you do, how are you able to do that?

ARIYA JUTANUGARN: I would say it's get harder and harder like when you get to like close to last four, last eight, last 16. It's got harder to play without expectation.

So I just keep told myself like as soon I got up to the tee I just do my best every shot. It's hard. Today sometime it got in my head I want to win, get in the last four. I always came back to myself and say I have to do my best every shot.

Q. Yesterday you had to rally to beat her. Does that -- do you borrow any of that experience from yesterday when you do find yourself in tough situations?

ARIYA JUTANUGARN: Sorry?

Q. When you came back to beat her yesterday, she was 1-up on you on the back side and you came back and beat her. Do you borrow from that experience when you find yourself in tough situations?

ARIYA JUTANUGARN: Sorry. By that time I was thinking -- to be honest I was thinking what I'm going do on Saturday. I don't know, because like play against world No. 1 and she been playing so well, won so many tournament last year, and keep winning. That's all I'm going to say. I play with her soon as I won Dow. I try to play like, oh, I'm going to have to get back to my home yet, so that's it.

. . . when all is said, we're done.

Q. I know Mo is still here.

ARIYA JUTANUGARN: Not here. She left me this morning.

Q. All right. She'll be rooting from afar.

ARIYA JUTANUGARN: Thank you.

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