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Jeeno Thitikul



THE MODERATOR: Delighted to welcome Jeeno Thitikul to the interview room. Jeeno, it's been another amazing year for you. Two excellent performances in repeat major championships. You so close at the Evian. How much confidence does that give you coming into this week?

JEENO THITIKUL: Definitely Evian was my, you know, special place in my heart for sure finishing second, and also kind of my game is kind of going to a good direction was just like definitely give me more confidence.

But, you know, links course, I can't do anything with it, so hopefully the course is be kind to me.

THE MODERATOR: What are your early thoughts on Royal Porthcawl as a golf course? How do you find it?

JEENO THITIKUL: Yeah, I did play in the front nine on Monday, and I thought it was easy, not really windy and it's short. But yesterday I played the pro-am, 18. I found out like the back nine was kind of tough, so I feel like it's not short anymore I guess.

I mean, it's really good challenging weeks. You know, majors we don't have any courses easy for us, so the last major, good test of the game for sure.

Yeah, hopefully really good result on the weekend.

Q. Jeeno, as Mike mentioned, last two majors, really good results. What do you think you did particularly well in those two events?

JEENO THITIKUL: I think KPMG is one that I would rank like the hardest out of five major now. Not playing this one yet, but like KPMG I think really patient on it and then ball striking is really good on that week.

But Evian, I played Evian for a couple years and then I think I have really good iron shots, like approaching shots in Evian, which is giving me a really good chance on making lots of birdies on that week.

Q. And what would it mean to you if you could win this week at the AIG Women's Open?

JEENO THITIKUL: It would mean the world for sure. Callaway guys yesterday walking with me for shooting some photos for the Callaway, right, and he just remind me, do you remember you said you never ever going to win British Open because it's links course?

I said, I still think the same way. It's not my type of the golf course that I grew up. In Thailand we don't have links course like this and we don't have really windy conditions and then also like rainy condition like that where I grew up.

I told him it would be really funny if I can get it one day. He said, yeah, I will showing that video of you saying that you never ever going to win British Open.

Q. I know you are went home after Evian. How nice was to get time at home and reset after the playoff and before this week?

JEENO THITIKUL: I think it's really nice. I always have like either before Evian or after Evian going back home, because I thought like going back to Thailand which is I don't think about golf at all. I just hang out with friends, my family.

But like staying in U.S. I feel like I also came here for like work, so I think my mind is still thinking about like how do I get better or how do I going to work on next couple weeks.

So going to Thailand I think just like reset on like mentally-wise for me.

Q. Did you do anything in particular? Anything fun?

JEENO THITIKUL: Just been eating a lot of Thai food and then having fun with my friends and family pretty much.

Q. What's been kind of the most important keys to success on links golf that you learned?

JEENO THITIKUL: Just play with the wind, and then also you need to have really strong mentality-wise.

I think be patience out there really a big key because you know that you not going to go -- like went out there and shoot like a really low score. I don't think it's ever



happened on the British Open or links. The score wasn't that high. Like wasn't like 20-under, 10-under for like each year that we play.

I think definitely you need to go out there and be patient and told yourself that definitely bogey is going to come for sure. It's more important how you bounce back or stay in the present.

Q. Do you have a strategy now to try and make major weeks feel like a regular LPGA Tour week so you don't build it up more in your own head?

JEENO THITIKUL: I still thinking about that as always I step up on the major week because I been thinking it's just another week we being in the office, like, you know, still going the same what we do every week. Not do anything specially to make it like extra special.

But I know the course and the vibes surrounding, it's feel like special week and big week coming. But I feel like to me, I do my job as the same as every week at the office.

Q. You mentioned going home to Thailand, food, friends. What do you bring to a tournament like this to make it feel like home even though it's almost nothing like it?

JEENO THITIKUL: Positive energy.

Q. Following up on that question, you found a good Thai restaurant here in Wales, and have you been here often?

JEENO THITIKUL: Not yet. Not yet. I don't see a good like Thai restaurant yet, and then having -- first time in Wales as well, so like I think I do like it more than like somewhere that's in the middle of nowhere.

Here the views is nice. We have like by the sea. Everything is nice out here.

Q. Asked about you trying to make a major feel more like something you're used to. That's your time on the golf course. Getting here and going back to where you're staying you're in a different world. What's it like being in Wales for someone from Thailand?

JEENO THITIKUL: I think it's definitely different looking. All of Thailand, especially in Bangkok with so traffic and in the middle of the building, but here it's just like wide open, which we don't see much building. We just see the natures. Not really much big trees that I saw out here.

But just like I love being like travel. I love being see and

learn like different culture. So I think it's just -- that's why I play golf and that's why I love traveling around the world. And then I think that's a really beautiful side of being a professional golfer.

THE MODERATOR: Jeeno, thank you for joining us.

JEENO THITIKUL: Thank you.

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