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Jeeno Thitikul

Quick Quotes

Q. Joined now by Jeeno after her first round here at the Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions. Very solid round from you today. What went into it in?

JEENO THITIKUL: Yeah, it's kind of nice. I think I kind of like thought the course so hard on, you know, practice round, so -- the green was so hard I mean.

And then I trying to put the balls in play, not too aggressive on some of the pin because like it's kind of brutal run out.

So I just keep it safe.

Q. What do you think of the course now that you've gotten a full round under your belt?

JEENO THITIKUL: I mean, for the first two days should be fine because the weather is good, but for the next, you know, like third round and fourth round to be brutal the weather. I mean, Saturday should be really windy and then Sunday I don't even know if we can be able to play. The golf ball would be like ice on it, so we'll see.

I think the course is always in a good shape, but like, you know, the weather make it tougher.

Q. How would you assess your game after the first round compared to maybe how you assessed it coming into the week?

JEENO THITIKUL: I don't really like I'm ready-ready. I don't feel like I'm ready to play that much. I mean, like if you ask me 100% like out of 100 I would say 60, 70 to go out and play because I don't have enough practice. I do have some swing, figure things to do, so...

Q. Obviously your first time playing this event. Got to play with the celebrities today. What was that like?

JEENO THITIKUL: It was good. So great. I play with Mardy Fish today and then Twellman. Mardy was so nice.

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Both of them are nice, but like -- fun fact, Mardy came up to me and said golf competition tournament was fun. I was like, fun? It's seem fun when you're not a professional on this way, because to me tennis, like even tennis tournament is fun, too.

He said, no, it's stress before and stress after.

I was like golf is stress now, like in five hours. So that's fun, to see like other side of perspective on each other like sports.

Q. I was looking at your stats a couple days ago, and you had 14 Top 10s last year; three of those were wins; only made 20 starts. When you have such a solid season, how do you shift your mentality to bring a fresh start mindset into a new year?

JEENO THITIKUL: I don't even know how. I still trying to do, and then I think maybe you have to be grounded and then you have to, you know, put yourself where you want it more and where you -- you know, aiming for more.

Because I think if you look at it and then you're not be grounded you can be like, you know, burnout from golf because you've been like, oh, I have enough. But I think, yes, you can have enough in another side of mentality, but sometime you need to find something more as always.

I think maybe of that perspective, yeah.

Q. Have you ever been burned out?

JEENO THITIKUL: I would say sometimes. Sometimes like a lot of people come up to me and say up to me. I was just like, I know. I already know. Now I have to figure it out how to still do my job, still going out there, and have six or eight hours of practice golf. You know, sometimes you get lazy. You get burnout of hitting balls.

I'm pretty sure you get burned out sometimes. Life goes on. Still have work to do. If not we got no money. (Laughter.)

Q. Well said. Did you go to Texas before you came

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here? Will you go Texas after?

JEENO THITIKUL: I don't think there is any point to go to Texas now. It's freezing. Yeah, just Dallas just like minus something.

I stop by Texas by my phone, the camera.

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