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Ariya Jutanugarn

Press Conference



THE MODERATOR: All right everyone, thank you. Inside the virtual media center hear at the Honda LPGA Thailand. We thank you for being on the call today. Going to get things started here with Ariya Jutanugarn.

Without further ado, Ariya, welcome back to the Honda LPGA Thailand.

ARIYA JUTANUGARN: Thank you.

Q. What's it been like getting used to Thailand again?

ARIYA JUTANUGARN: Actually feel great to be back here. It's different, because (indiscernible) still really enjoy every time when I spend time in Thailand.

Q. I was going to say, when is the last time you were able to return home?

ARIYA JUTANUGARN: It's only like two months ago, yeah.

Q. So you've been back recently.

ARIYA JUTANUGARN: Yeah, I been in Thailand for two, three months.

Q. How far are you from family, friends when you get to come back here Siam?

ARIYA JUTANUGARN: They pretty far, especially they can't come here.

Q. Was it a little disheartening with the COVID protocols that you're not able to see them or too around Thailand?

ARIYA JUTANUGARN: It's pretty tough, but for everyone. I been missing them a lot because I haven't seen them for a while.

Q. We just got off from playing in Singapore. What's it been like adjusting from Singapore to now, the conditions here?

ARIYA JUTANUGARN: I would say the weather is pretty

similar, pretty hot. Of course I have so much fun last week; carry on to this week. Also want to have fun because play Thailand.

Q. Also you've been doing better and better with your game, with your play. I know when you talk to you say commitment is a huge thing you focus on. How comfortable are you feeling and what are you improving upon?

ARIYA JUTANUGARN: I would say I try to focus on same stuff because I think that's the main thing I need to do, but of course going to be on my commitment and not think about the outcome. Especially this week. All the fans going to really cheering for your support and you to play well.

Q. We won't have fans on site here, is it a little different? Usually you come back and you have the raring crowds behind you.

ARIYA JUTANUGARN: It is so much different because like even today pro-am day normally it's going to be lots of people around, but not anymore today. It's going to be totally different and we been missing fan a lot.

Q. What do you think of the course so far right now? What does it bring out in your game?

ARIYA JUTANUGARN: I would say this course always really challenge for me, especially the green. And this week because it's been raining every day, so the grass could be long, I don't get any distance, so I would say I hit shorter than last few years, so that's going to be my challenge.

Q. How much do you prepare for the weather on days like this when you know there is stickiness outside, the hot, the heat, the potential for rainfall, how does that go into your preparation?

ARIYA JUTANUGARN: You know, you need to be patient because we never know how is the weather going to be like. Everybody going to get the same weather. Just be patient. Even it's really hot, making sure you drink lots of water.

Q. You have been in this tournament for quite a while. How would you say that you've changed a



player from the beginning of you participating in this to now?

ARIYA JUTANUGARN: You know, I play here since I was 11, so 2007, so everything has been changing a lot.

Back then my sister caddie for me so everything is just like so tough. We don't even know how to (indiscernible). So everything is getting more fun, more challenge, even growing up everything has been tough.

Q. Will you miss the support of the home crowds this year?

ARIYA JUTANUGARN: Of course. Especially this week every time I just like looking forward to come because I'm going to see all my fan here. But too bad this year they can't come.

Q. What are your goals for the 2021 season?

ARIYA JUTANUGARN: You know, I feel like last few month I struggle, so just try to improve as much as I can. I feel like so much thing I want to work on, especially I think this year I am thinking about the outcome so much, so that kind of hurt my game right now.

So just try to play golf and go away from the outcome.

Q. How do you keep your mind away from thinking about the outcome?

ARIYA JUTANUGARN: I think I need to be present, not worry about the future. You know, because I want to play well on every day and every course I play, but when I thinking about too much in the future it's kind of like not help me to be present.

Q. Is there any way you measure how present you are and you're able to keep track of whether or not you're present in a particular round and track that throughout the year?

ARIYA JUTANUGARN: Sorry, what does that mean?

Q. Is there any way -- when you're talking about staying present round over round, is there any way you track how present you are in a given round?

ARIYA JUTANUGARN: I will say if I can like stick with my process then I know that I be present, because every time when I -- my mind go in the future it's kind of like I forget what I have to do in my process.

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