T-Mobile Match Play presented by MGM Rewards

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Ariya Jutanugarn

Quick Quotes

Q. Here with Ariya after her third round victory here at T-Mobile Match Play. Can you just talk us through that round today? Looked pretty close.

ARIYA JUTANUGARN: It's pretty tough today because of the wind. And it's match play; you kind of have to be really patient. I have some like up and down. I've been missing some shot and hit some pretty good.

Overall it's just like so much fun to have chance to play with Nelly. She's one of the best player and I really look, like you know. And yeah, we had fun today.

Q. What have you taken from your game over the past couple days here?

ARIYA JUTANUGARN: I would say after last week I got a bit -- I feel a bit more confidence because I've been working on some stuff and seems like it's work out pretty good.

So just going to keep trying my best and keep working on.

Q. Curious, when you saw the pairings come out and you were in Nelly's group, what you thought of that. Was it a good thing you knew you were going to have to face her early?

ARIYA JUTANUGARN: I would say I have pretty bad week last week, so to be honest I'm already plan what I'm going to do on Sunday.

So I thought I'm not going to be able to play the weekend, so I kind of like chilling, no expectation at all.

Q. On I think 15 you were 1-down and you hit the putt to win, what, four, five feet, something like that, or two feet?

ARIYA JUTANUGARN: 15.

Q. Was it 15, the downhill off the green?

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ARIYA JUTANUGARN: Yes. Yeah.

Q. What did you see in that before you lined it up, and how were you able to execute it so well?

ARIYA JUTANUGARN: I would say that putt to me is quite hard because of the slope and it's like downhill and it's slope left to right pretty good.

I just told myself I just need to get the speed right, and that's all I focus on.

Q. Did you feel the match kind of turn at that point?

ARIYA JUTANUGARN: Honestly, you know, I didn't think about anything at that point because I feel I still have to keep playing and few hole to go.

Q. And you were just on the phone and Mo you said. Was she watching your match?

ARIYA JUTANUGARN: She said she did, so, and she said she hurt my dog leg, so she might have to bring him to the vet. Good job, Mo.

Q. Now that you've taken care of Nelly and a big sigh of relief I'm sure. That's a big hurdle to clear. You still have four matches ahead if you want to win. How do you mentally prepare for a real grind this weekend?

ARIYA JUTANUGARN: I feel like last three days show me a lot when I play without expectation, so I will try to do that. It's match play. It's really stressful. Every hole you play you try to beat other player. It's quite hard.

But I think if I keep trying my best and no expectation...

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