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Jeeno Thitikul

Press Conference



THE MODERATOR: Joining us at The Chevron Championship is Jeeno Thitikul. Jeeno, you took last week off. How are you feeling heading into this week?

JEENO THITIKUL: It's nice. I mean, it's nice to be resting some time after like three stretch week off. I mean, it's great to be able to work with my coach in person. He was in Japan and then last week with me in Dallas as well.

Q. It's a new course this year. The venue moved from the Woodlands. Can you talk about if you've seen the course and your impressions on it.

JEENO THITIKUL: Yeah, I already play 18 holes. Sunday nine and yesterday nine. I think it's totally different than Woodland for sure. I mean, like Woodland seem like a big huge tree down side of the fairway, but here it's just like huge wide open on eyes, eyesight.

But obviously the green are tougher than last year for sure. It seem big but it's -- you know, it's run off from from the green in every part of the green.

Then it just -- I think it should be like challenge up and down.

Q. What was your preparation like leading up to this and the decision to not play LA before this one?

JEENO THITIKUL: Yeah, one of the reason I'm not play LA, not because I want to take a week off before the major, but because I had to working on things in my stuff side. I feel like one week working wasn't enough. instead of one week I just extend it to two weeks because my coach was here and then we figure out things that we have to do because I feel like my iron game was not on track that I want, like last few events.

But right now I feel like it's more confident. We getting there on the point that I really want to feeling better with my irons-wise.

Q. What's it like -- I know you guys had the same thing

last year with the rain and everybody didn't get to play as much as they wanted. How do you mentally work through that on a week of a major?

JEENO THITIKUL: Yeah, I mean, like if you cannot practice it means we have the same position. Everyone is the same position. Obviously I think everyone -- maybe like yesterday some players play yesterday 18 holes because they know that they not be able to play today because of the rain, or maybe tomorrow, too.

And then I just not taking like things so serious. We take it day by day. I know like preparation is important for major event, for golf, but obviously too much preparation also make you feel like too much expectation as well.

Q. You mentioned that you had some time off. What are some of the things that you love to do off the golf course during the last few weeks that you had off?

JEENO THITIKUL: I did matcha. I did matcha every day by myself before I gonna, you know, went to the golf course to practice, yeah.

Q. I love it. You make it yourself?

JEENO THITIKUL: And then I did -- I buy bulk packages, a lot of packages. I wasn't at home for like four month and like a ton of packages in front of my house.

Q. For the matcha, are you making it yourself? Are you adding any fun syrups? Anything? What's the flavor?

JEENO THITIKUL: I try not to go syrup because I don't want to gain any weight on myself, so I go like pure matcha.

Q. I got to ask about the unboxing. You got a lot of things.

JEENO THITIKUL: Yes.

Q. is there anything you unboxed that's now in your golf bag or here with you this week?



JEENO THITIKUL: Nothing, nothing. I unbox like my Nike clothes and shoes. The most excited is the bicycle that I got it from TOC. My coach and my caddie has to figure it out to build it. (Laughter.) I mean, I just like, that's your job. my job just unbox the shoes and the clothes.

Q. Nice. Do you think that will get you to exercise or ride a little bit more between tournaments?

JEENO THITIKUL: Actually I took it for my manager because I going to run like and then he can ride. He not going to run. If you finish building, just let me know. I going to drive and you run.

Q. Do you have a picture of them putting it together?

JEENO THITIKUL: I do have a video of them. It's just so fun. let me find.

Q. Did they struggle with it?

JEENO THITIKUL: They struggle with it. You can't ride it now yet.

Q. Some swear words? Oh. Did you put that in your story?

JEENO THITIKUL: Yeah, it's on my posting. it's just my caddie and my coach figure it out.

Q. You said you were working on your irons last couple weeks.

JEENO THITIKUL: Yeah.

Q. What did you specifically want to dial in there?

JEENO THITIKUL: Yeah, if you talk to my coach, my coach going to say it's not that big trouble or problems, but to me, I'm taking videos every day that he wasn't here. Obviously I'm not like technical-wise person that, oh, I have to take a ton of videos and I have to look at it.

But on the time that I don't have my coach here, at the time that I feel like something going well, I have to see the feels, what I have to do, and then maybe one thing, like one thought that have to do in your golf swing, right?

But from Founders to Aramco I feel like that one thought of swing, it's -- I don't have it. That's why I can't controlling my ball as much as possible. It just, you know, loss of the feelings of you don't know where the ball is going to go. And then I think we -- like after Aramco I told my coach all the things that I want, I don't want it to be, so he had a

stress time obviously with the bicycle and thinking about drills to be able to figure it out, to, you know, make me had a better feeling and a better thought on the swing.

Q. And then you've contended in majors but haven't won one yet. Curious all those times you've been close, what have you learned makes the difference between contending and winning?

JEENO THITIKUL: I think everyone want to be in contention. Like obviously you want to be in contention for sure. Just not the major, but obviously major is the most you want to be, but in every tournament for sure. Every contention that you be, I can guarantee you you won't get it every time. It's depend on what time you did well and what time other person did better than you.

And I think it's a good thing. If you in contention, if you without a win as well but you in contention for like maybe four, five week in a row, which mean your game is there. Because we changing courses every week, we changing greens every week, we changing pin every day.

If you were in contention every week, you saw your name on the top in every week, which mean your game is there and then just matter of time.

Q. And how do you block out that noise of like having -- not having won a major yet? Have you learned how to do that since you joined the Tour in '22 or is it something you do naturally?

JEENO THITIKUL: I think it's just the questions are going -- you know, you have it for every time I lost in a major for sure. thank you for reminding every week.

Obviously I think it just another challenge of my career. I know what I have on like in my belt. Right now at this point of this age I think I accomplish a lot, but obviously major is the one that I feel like first time always the hardest.

And then if I can prove to myself that I can be able to do that, I think it's just -- that's what golf is standing for me.

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