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Jeeno Thitikul

Press Conference

THE MODERATOR: Here now with world No. 1 Jeeno Thitikul at the Kroger Queen City Championship presented by P&G.

Jeeno, finished runner-up up here last year. When you think back to how you played last year at this course, at this event, what are some of the memories you think about?

JEENO THITIKUL: I think only the memories that I can think is just like Lydia hit it insane like final round. I play with her on the final round and the third round as well, but like the final round is like, wow, incredible.

And just hats off, really respect or she just get her name to the Hall of Fame, and just like playing her after she get to the Hall of Fame which is like, wow, that's really deserved.

Q. What is about this course that maybe suits your strengths or things you're able to take advantage of?

JEENO THITIKUL: I think it won't be like a course that too -- like too far. It has some reachable par-5 that's like hole No. 7, 18, 11 as well, which is like makable hole for us.

And also some holes I think the green is pretty tough on here, like so slopey. I think if I can play a really good -- you know, put myself in the position that I can make a birdie, it should be really like (indiscernible) week.

Q. Obviously world No. 1, leading the world in a ton of different statistics and leaderboards. When you're having a season like this, what is working? What are you thinking? Maybe how have you been able to kind of dominate the season the way you have?

JEENO THITIKUL: I think every week that we play we trying, trying. I trying to do like -- it definitely has some like mistakes that I have to fix it on like every each week that I have.



And also I have -- I mean, it's been a really incredible year for me, to be honest. Seeing all my stat -- I'm not usually look on my stat much, but as I look at it and I saw I really improve since I've been a rookie to now. Just really prove in a really good way what me and my coach and team have been working on.

As you know, golf is golf. When it's your years it's really your years and things going right. But like I think what challenging of golf is just like when thing doesn't go right and your way and then how you can bounce back.

Q. Saw over the weekend you went to the U.S. Open. Just was that your first time at a tennis event? What did you think of the experience?

JEENO THITIKUL: I have went to the Shanghai Masters last year when we play Buick. I went there with Ronni. That was my first time. This is my second time in tennis and first time U.S. Open. It's really cool.

Some Sabalenka and Amanda hitting bombs. Like really bombs, like more than us. I mean, 100 miles something. I was like, wow. How we can, you know, hit the second shot and then I just saw like -- I really understand the winner and I really understand the loser. I was like oh, my gosh. Really touching.

Q. Do you have a favorite test athlete?

JEENO THITIKUL: Now, I think do I like Alcaraz now. He just had his own style.

Q. You mentioned looking at the stats and how they improved. You didn't really look at those before. What made you start looking more at the numbers and analytics and stats behind your game?

JEENO THITIKUL: I think just to confirm to me that all the things that's going right. Then when you have a bad day, doesn't mean you have a bad season so far. Just reminding myself not to think about the bad thing that's happens each day but remember the good things that, you know, you have been working on for entire year.

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Q. A few of the players that have come in so far said the course is playing much different than last year.

JEENO THITIKUL: Uh-huh.

Q. How would you assess what you've seen so far from the course?

JEENO THITIKUL: Yeah, I think the green and the fairway was kind of softer than last year. I mean, the green started getting firm from I think Monday until now. I definitely thinking the fairway is was firmer -- no, was softer than last year.

Q. Following up on you looking at the stats, these two weeks, in addition to that, do you also, as finishing runner-up last year here and then next week's event you won in 2022, do you channel -- is it where you channel those memories and those experiences kind of as a combo in addition to more looking at the stats now?

JEENO THITIKUL: Mmm, I think that's -- so what's I have been done, the second and the winner was going to be the result, right? But I think the stat that I have been looking, it's just like if you these all the this process like on the stat, you see the result, which mean you see the second place, you see the winner.

But if it the stat wasn't that good, definitely you won't see the result as good. So I would say the stats solved itself and then you will see the result how it's going to be like. That's what I'm thinking.

I know I do have a lot of good memories like winner-wise for next week, second place here, but we changing the year. I'm changing. The course changing. All the field changing. Then definitely I can't guarantee what result I'm going to get on this weekend, but like definitely I going to stick on my stat that I want it to be the same as I have been hold on.

THE MODERATOR: Perfect, thank you, Jeeno.

JEENO THITIKUL: Thank you.

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