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**Jeeno Thitikul**

**Charley Hull**

Press Conference

THE MODERATOR: Welcome to our final press conference of the day ahead of the Aramco Championship here at stunning Shadow Creek. We're joined by the World No. 1 Jeeno Thitikul from Thailand and England's Charley Hull, world No. 4.

Welcome and thanks for coming today.

Jeeno, you had an unforgettable start to the year with that victory in front of your home fans in Thailand. How much of a lift to your confidence did that give you.

JEENO THITIKUL: Yeah, I mean, obviously it's so nice to be able to get a win where everything started in Thailand. It was just an incredible moment for me. Gained a lot of confident there.

I feel like my game right now, it's not an "A" game yet. Like I still have a lot of things to do with the irons, with all the clubs in my bags. Golf is just improve game of all time, so I feel like I need more practice, I need more work to improve.

**Q. You've played in a match play event here before. How do you feel your game is suited to this course?**

JEENO THITIKUL: I think Shadow Creek, it's always a tough course in my perspective. It tests every part of my game and every part of everyone's game.

I think you have to be in the right spot every shot that you have because if not, it can cost you a lot.

I think obviously trying to be patient on the course, definitely you're going to make misses out there, but I think patience is the key here?

**Q. We have an incredible field here this week, the world's top 20. How are you managing and coping with that World No. 1 kind of label, if you like? Do you find it an inspiration?**



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JEENO THITIKUL: I mean, the position I'm in right now, I think it's really teaching me to be humble and be grounded every time because golf is really humble to me. It's just not the position you are -- means how good you're going to play in each tournament. It doesn't mean like that.

Everyone inspires me to do better every day. All the tours, all the fields get stronger every day, so I think that one is really inspiring me and motivating me to be better.

**Q. Charley, welcome. You also had a great start to the year, that victory in the PIF Saudi Ladies International in February, great performance in Singapore, too. How are you feeling about your game this week?**

CHARLEY HULL: Yeah, it was good to get that win in Saudi and obviously had a top 10 finish in Singapore. Didn't play my best last week, but I didn't really feel like the golf course suited me quite as well, and then you was always chasing birdies because there was so many birdie opportunities out there.

If you made a par it felt like you was making a bogey out there. I really like this golf course. I played match play here a couple of times, and I think it's a great golf course. It's one of my favorites on Tour. It's got kind of a major feel to the golf course. It can be set up very, very tough.

So it's going to be a good challenge. You've got to be good with your irons, got to be good with your driver, and you got to put your position -- you iron shots into the green in the right position for the right putts.

**Q. This is the first time the PIF Global Series event has been co-sanctioned by the LPGA and the LET. How important do you think that level of recognition is for the series?**

CHARLEY HULL: Yeah, it's really important. Very grateful to what PIF and Golf Saudi have given the opportunity to both LPGA and LET players, especially with the prize fund being pretty big this week. It's attracting a really good field, so credit to them for choosing such a great golf course, as well.



**Q. Tell us a bit about that course. What do you think Sunday's winner will have done the best this week?**

CHARLEY HULL: Pretty much hit -- got up-and-down well, because everyone is going to miss greens. Hit the ball well off the tee. Just play steady golf, I think, around here.

**Q. For both of you, the quality of the field this week is stellar. All of the top 20 in the world rankings. The fact that this is co-sanctioned by both the LPGA and the LET elevates this event. How does that change your mindset, if at all, coming into a week like this? Is it almost like a major that you experience?**

CHARLEY HULL: Yeah, well, I feel like they've put on like a nice major golf course, so it's really good to be rewarded for good shots. Obviously going to have challenges, there's going to be some hard shots, and obviously top 20 in the field, so it's great, so you've got to play your best golf.

I think it's good, as well. Great opportunity for the LET girls, as well, coming over here and playing, because it's like an LPGA and LET event together.

I just think it's good for everyone.

JEENO THITIKUL: Love it. I've been in the LET before the LPGA and seeing similar faces, similar friends that I haven't seen for a long time, I think it's just reminding me of some good days, good memories from the LET.

Then like Charley said, it's a good opportunity for the LET fields to be able to combination and play alongside us, and then also puts in perspective why I don't think it's changing much, because we play against the best in the world every week.

I would say I'd like to see more coming, like, the tournaments like this.

**Q. For Charley, this is a challenging course. The fact the LPGA has been here for the last few years for match play, does that mean the LET players might have a disadvantage coming into this week?**

CHARLEY HULL: No, not at all. I think match play is a completely different game to stroke play. Like in match play you could afford to be a bit more aggressive round this golf course, take a drivable par-4 on. Depends on what the other players done and what position you're in, and now it's stroke play, so it's actually completely different golf course.

Yeah, we might be a bit more familiar with it, but I wouldn't

say it's an advantage.

**Q. We're obviously a couple weeks away from the major season starting. Does getting a rep like this under your belt help prep you for what's upcoming this major season?**

CHARLEY HULL: Yeah, I would say so, because it kind of sharpens your game up a little bit. You don't just have to ferry it down the -- off the tee and hit a wedge in. Like you've got to hit a good tee shot and hit a solid club into the green, and it kind of brings out that bigger game that we have in us.

JEENO THITIKUL: Definitely. I even think this is a major course setup. Since playing here as match play I really thought it's going to be -- how cool it's going to be if we play it in stroke play, because every part of this golf course can give you some like a smile, but at different part you can be so frustrated with it.

So I think it's for surely testing everything in your game, physically and mentally-wise.

**Q. Charley, I know you love a tough golf course. You always show up at major championships. What is it about a tough golf course that gets your juices flowing?**

CHARLEY HULL: I think they're less boring and more interesting, more creative. When I play with the boys at home we're always playing off the back tees on hard golf courses and stuff, and I think that's the way golf should be rather than just the pitch-and-putt golf course.

That's just my opinion, because I think it's more interesting for the fans to come out and watch us having to create shots and not hit the perfect shot every time.

Like yesterday I was out and I hit a really good chip, started walking to my bag to get the putter out, one minute it was five feet away and the next thing it's rolled off the green. I actually find that quite fun because you've really got to be focused on every single shot.

So I actually find it more interesting and more -- less boring for me. Like I get really focused out there.

**Q. Do you walk up to this kind of golf and go, okay, for this is what I play golf for, this is what I'm happy to see?**

CHARLEY HULL: Yeah, I get a buzz off it.

**Q. Jeeno, I know we're in Vegas. Quite a bit of good**

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**food around. I know you're a big foodie. Eat anything this week that's been really good?**

JEENO THITIKUL: Definitely. Thai food is the best here. A lot of good Thai if you guys can find, in Chinatown, nearby Chinatown.

Then I'm glad to be back here again. I think definitely last couple years not being here for match play, I would be here for food.

CHARLEY HULL: That's the same as me.

**Q. Charley, following up from Saudi, did you get your trophy cabinet fixed?**

CHARLEY HULL: Yeah, my trophy cabinet has been made. I am just waiting for it to be spray painted. I still haven't got my trophy yet, so there is like a space there. But yeah, hopefully it's on its way soon.

**Q. Obviously you turned 30 recently; how was the celebrations?**

CHARLEY HULL: Yeah, it was really good. I had a party at my house and had a bar, had a DJ, had this like saxophone player come out as well. Played like house music. Had a roulette table, had a photo booth. Just loads of things. It was really good fun with my family and friends. It was a nice way to spend it.

**Q. Jeeno, what's it like being back on the LET and seeing the players that you only get to see a couple of times a year?**

JEENO THITIKUL: Know, I know. I haven't seen you for a long, long time. It's nice. It's really reminding me of the old days, old good days. I saw a lot of friends yesterday, Monday, today too. I haven't said hi to everyone yet, but obviously nice to play alongside them. Tomorrow will play alongside Shannon Tan, which we played junior golf tournaments for a long, long time.

**Q. Charley, how you celebrated your win in Riyadh and if you bought yourself anything special?**

CHARLEY HULL: You know what? I actually didn't celebrate. I was so tired when I come back home, and I was actually kind of ill that week, come down with something. But I literally -- when I celebrated on Sunday when I landed, I just went to actually a spa and didn't go out to dinner, just chilled in the room with my boyfriend and ate a really fancy dinner, cheese and ham toastie and chips. I was just craving it. I was like I actually prefer this to going out and celebrating.

I wouldn't really say I celebrated and I didn't buy myself anything because I was doing my house up. So I would say like my 30th birthday was probably how I celebrated. I did take Adam, my caddie, out for dinner two days ago to Prime Steakhouse and we used that as our little celebration meal.

**Q. On that note, what did you order and what's your steakhouse dinner?**

CHARLEY HULL: I don't eat too much red meat. I love steaks, but I just get a bit sluggish after. I saved myself all day and I didn't eat because I just wanted to finish my whole steak. I had a bone-in Wagyu ribeye, and Adam had the same, and then we shared some brussels sprouts with bacon, and it was like potato gratin with cheese on top, and it was lovely.

I persuaded Adam to have the souffle, and he was buzzing, and Johnny, his mate, he caddies on Tour, his favorite dessert, and he was like oh, this is big. I'm going to leave half for Johnny and take it back.

Then he was like, no, this is too good; I'm not going to leave it for Johnny. I'm just going to eat it all and just take a picture of it. But it was funny. It was really good, though.

**Q. We know players are really close with their caddies, but you and Adam seem like genuinely best friends. How much does he mean to you?**

CHARLEY HULL: Oh, yeah, honestly, don't count me on this, but if he couldn't caddie anymore, I think I'd just be like, right, I'm retiring because I feel like no one else could caddie for me. Actually maybe my friend Ryan Evans could, but I just like how chilled he is on the golf course and how we can laugh over a bad shot or -- we never really argue, apart from one time at the British Open I called him a bad name and the whole crowd heard, and then he was like, I guess I am one, in front of everyone.

But we just laughed about it and I did apologize to him because at the end of the day it's my choice for choosing that club, but yeah, he's a great caddie. He's cool. I love Adam.

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