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THE MODERATOR: Jeeno Thitikul joins us now at the 2026 KPMG Women's PGA Championship. Jeeno, welcome to Hazeltine in your fifth KPMG Women's PGA Championship.

What are your thoughts on the golf course from what you've seen so far?

JEENO THITIKUL: Yeah, it's really beautiful, and then playing kind of definitely fair for everyone. I think it's just not a course that you just -- you can make it, but I think it's makable if you have really good shot out there.

Also it's major and obviously the greens, you know, not too soft to just go to the pin, but like it's bouncing and then it fast and then, you know, it's kind of hard to putt, too.

But, you know, major; you need A-game on that.

THE MODERATOR: Questions for Jeeno.

Q. We were talking last year at Frisco. You were close and you embraced the hard conditions. Looks like this week we'll have wind again, rain, all those things. How do you prepare yourself and how ready are you for those conditions?

JEENO THITIKUL: I mean, yeah, we golfer, we had to play no matter what. You know, I mean, it just really not kind of just mentally prepared for it, but you knew what it's going to happen and then you knew the tough condition will coming for sure, and then you just, you know, trying to prepare mentally wise and I think physically.

I think physically always been there. I mean, just not overthinking things on, you know, things that not going your way is the more important.

Q. Any thoughts on the purse? You saw the news. We have a record purse again. Keeps growing. The

last four years has been amazing.

JEENO THITIKUL: Yes.

Q. What do you think about that?

JEENO THITIKUL: Yeah, I just, wow. I mean, I'm not surprisingly that KPMG increase that or like become historic purse again because KPMG is always the one that I think they done a lot for women's golf.

And then they knew what's -- you know, woman golf are trending to a really good way and like we need some -- a lot of room to improve from women's golf for sure to be able to showcase the fans how good we are, how big we can grow more and more.

Q. Jeeno, you mentioned a moment ago sometimes overthinking things a little bit. Is that something you tend to do in these big weeks, in these major championships?

JEENO THITIKUL: I think it's always coming. Not just golf but life related, too. I mean, like you always had kind of like two side of thinking in your head. Like you had a positive side for sure but you -- like sometime it's overwhelm by negative side of you.

I think when the tough condition was coming and when you had a short putts but you got a lot of winds you can't overthinking things all the time every single second or minute on the golf course, which is I think it's really important to like if you can let the positive side overwhelm the negative side, then when your performance is like peak.

Q. How do you manage that? Where do you try and put your focus mentally to try and keep your mind from being overwhelmed by so much information?

JEENO THITIKUL: I think just from belief in yourself and just from the positive side that you have. I knew the negative side always in everyone, in everybody, but like focusing more on the positive thoughts that you have should be better than focusing on your negative, right?



So I mean, we golfer. We used to it. We win them, we lose them. It just really lose and learn.

Q. When it comes to positives and negatives, coming into this week are you feeling more positive or negative about the state of your game right now?

JEENO THITIKUL: I think my game is pretty good. It's pretty positive on my side right now. I knew when I hit a good shot what side it feel and then I knew when I hit a bad shot what I did feel about, oh, what am I missing on my swing.

But obviously it doesn't mean that you're going to have a good result. Some of my experience taught me that when you has the best games in your side, doesn't mean I going to have the best result. It just really depend on things out there. Really depend on it's golf and then it affected to like other weather, the grass, the whatever.

But I think what I'm doing right now, I'm doing my process, which my process is good.

Q. Can you let go of disappointment when you leave a tournament? And I'm just wondering, did you have a little disappointment last year in Frisco? Are you able to let go of it when the tournament is over?

JEENO THITIKUL: I definitely can let go of it when the tournament is over. It will take a lot of time too. I mean, a couple hour, minutes, I'm not sure. Depends how disappointed it was.

When I look back at Frisco last year I'm kind of proud. I know that at that point when I step out on the 18 green I was disappointed, but also right now I look back, I was just like, wow, if I can shoot under par either -- like, you know, either round on the tournament days, I should really you be proud of myself and proud I put myself in the opportunities that I can be in contention.

But obviously the disappointment always going to be there because you not going to get what you want every time. I think everyone has their own time. Doesn't matter now, tomorrow, next two day, five years later, but I think I do have my own time and I'm waiting for my time, too.

Q. Kind of along those lines, missed cut last week. What do you do to regroup coming into this week?

JEENO THITIKUL: Yeah, it was really -- not disappointed, but like kind of confusing. I was like, I think I hit it so good. My game was good. I just couldn't putt it last week. Maybe the green, maybe whatever can work and be better.

But, you know, it just golf. Missed cut and then good thing that I have some day to rest before coming here. Bad thing, not a good result that you wanted. Always we always looking forward to another tournament, a new days for us.

Q. Is it speed? Green reading? When you look at your putting, what is it that you're --

JEENO THITIKUL: Last week?

Q. Uh-huh.

JEENO THITIKUL: I think I had the most three-putts I ever had in my career in one round. Like I had three or four holes all three putts.

So it's just little small things that should be better for sure. I mean, maybe my expectation was kind of high after last year, but obviously room to get better and better.

Q. When you come to a major championship now, I know you expect to usually get asked the question about the pressure that you feel to win your first one.

JEENO THITIKUL: Uh-huh.

Q. Does it bother you getting that question all the time, and have you talked to your team about a strategy maybe in how to handle it?

JEENO THITIKUL: Uh-huh. I feel like the pressure not just for the major but for like every week that we play, it's always going to be there.

Like I mention earlier, I have clear up my mind that I do have my own time. Doesn't matter who is going to say when my first is going to come, like it's going to happen this year in Evian or AIG or whatever is coming up. I just let my time telling me when.

I'm not going to let any people or anyone tell me when should I win.

I think I will let my performance-wise, my golf-wise, my game-wise, where, yeah, that's your time to be a winner in a tournament champions, like a major champions.

It really happens -- I think it happens, like reflecting to the Honda LPGA, I feel like I was so close a few years ago and then I won it this year. I was like, it truly time that I'm ready for this.

And then I feel like the majors, what I had needs and what I



had to do more in a major is really my games. I mean, like I know I had to hit a good shots every hole that I had because it's major. When I miss just like two yards right it's get in trouble. What I can do also, I think I will let my games be there to be ready to win it.

Q. One last thing in English about the positive and negative. Assuming your caddie can never go negative or he gets fired. How does he help you to go positive?

JEENO THITIKUL: Me and him, we work for a long time together. I think I work with him since I was an amateur. I mean, he just -- I can understand all the caddie, how they like trying to boost their player up in the position that we should be. Sometime just don't know how to do it right in the -- the word right way.

Because like it's at Honda like he say, it's okay. It's not okay yet. It's not okay. Just let me kind of release that moment out a little bit and then I will back to be okay soon.

But, you know, it just hard to tell. It just hard to like just think that it's okay but you can be not okay for like a minute, two minute, and then I'll be back to okay soon.

He just let me do what I'm doing. He doesn't want to say something bad and I'm like, no. But he's good. If not he going to get fired. You're right.

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