

ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES
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SAHITH THEEGALA (-1)



Q. Sahith, 76 first round, 65 second round, 11-shot swing. What was different? How do you compare those two rounds?

SAHITH THEEGALA: Yeah, it didn't -- I know, golfers always say crazy things, but it didn't feel too different. Just today I hit a lot of good putts and most of them went in. Yesterday, none of them went in.

A lot of it was shot selection. It was so windy yesterday that I think I was trying too hard to fight the wind a lot and you just can't do that, so good reminder today. I did a lot less fighting the wind today and sure enough it was a lot better.

Yeah, super pumped about how I played today to give myself more golf on the weekend. There's nothing like a cut sweat, it's a different kind of nerves for sure. Yeah, just really excited I have two more days.

Q. How do you stay motivated after a round like yesterday to come out and do that today?

SAHITH THEEGALA: Yeah, I think sometimes it's almost easier when you're so far away from the tournament. I kind of played myself out of the tournament the first day so -- I guess I shouldn't say that, but it felt like I played myself out of the tournament. It was so far beyond even what the cutline -- I thought the cut was going to be even or 1 under. I think it's going to be one of those two. Figured I need to come out and be pretty aggressive.

But I felt confident. I don't know why, sometimes you play good golf or bad golf, whatever it is, and you're not confident. I had a bad day yesterday and I still had the confidence in my golf game. Again, just really pleased that it kept like all the work that I've put in, all the reps of the last month or so are coming to fruition and able to score the ball a little bit better. Which was a big key for me this week, just try to get out here and try to score the ball, don't worry about swing, don't worry about the other stuff.

Q. You're all exempt for next year. Some people would say you come here, doesn't really matter if you make the cut, but there's a lot of pride always --

SAHITH THEEGALA: Oh, 100 percent.

Q. So what does it feel like? The nerves, what are they like when you're, like you said, sweating the cutline coming in?



SAHITH THEEGALA: Yeah, yeah, honestly my driver's been awesome and on 17 I hit probably the worst swing I made in a long time the last couple months and it was because of nerves, definitely because of nerves. I felt good over the tee shot, I just didn't make a good swing. Again, definitely felt the nerves coming in.

Again, I said it earlier in the week, but every PGA TOUR event that I tee it up in is such a blessing and honestly an honor and I never want to take that for granted. So the mindset I have out there is honestly pretty similar to what it is in a major or Signature Event, I still want to play the best golf possible, and obviously you try to peak for those events, but every single PGA TOUR event, every single golf tournament that I've always played, I guess it's just something that my dad instilled in me and the competitor in me, I don't want to give up a single shot at all.

So definitely a lot of pride. But yeah, it means the world to make another cut and play the weekend. Just looking for some good momentum for next year.

Q. And you played with Rafa, who was in a similar situation coming down the stretch --

SAHITH THEEGALA: Yeah.

Q. -- and unfortunately just missed. The other side of the coin, what's that like? You've experienced that, every player experiences it. Who do you manage that and what does that feel like?

SAHITH THEEGALA: Yeah, it might be the worst feeling in golf. It's crazy, it's different than even like being in contention in a tournament and coming up a little bit short because you know you're playing great and you still finished whatever you finished, near the top of the leaderboard and put yourself in that position.

But when you're fighting to make the cut, you're fighting yourself, too. You're grinding. You don't have necessarily your best stuff. Again, golf is such a momentum sport. You never know what two extra rounds on the weekend could do for the rest of the year.

I definitely feel for Rafa, especially being the defending champ. He's exempt for next year too, but I think he's just looking for some momentum. It's a bummer, it really is a bummer. It stings really bad. I could see the emotion even outside scoring with Rafa. He's a great dude, I have no doubts he's going to bounce back. This is probably my second time playing with him in a tournament. He's got a lot of game for a veteran old guy, so I have no doubt he's going to have probably a strong finish next week and a really good year next year. But yeah, there's no sugar coating it, this sucks.

Q. And just finally, you're 10 back going into the weekend. It's doable, it's been done before, but how do you feel about the chance?



SAHITH THEEGALA: Yeah, yeah. Again, I think it's one of those situations where you're so far back that you kind of have a different mindset about it. You know you need to be aggressive to put yourself back in the tournament. It's windy out there.

Q. Do you think this course kind of lends itself to maybe that --

SAHITH THEEGALA: Yeah, I think it's definitely been done before, big comebacks out here just because you never know when the wind could switch a little bit or wind get gusty so you could play a stretch of holes with not a lot of wind and all of a sudden you get a ton of wind and the scoring could shift a lot.

It honestly depends on which side you tee off on, too. I know with it being split tees on the weekend, you're never out of it. There's a lot of eagle holes, there's a lot of high number holes. So it's a very exciting event and yeah, I'm going to try to make some of those eagles this weekend.

