ROUND 1 INTERVIEW June 4, 2021

THONGCHAI JAIDEE (-7)



Q. Can you just start by telling us about your round today?

THONGCHAI JAIDEE: Yeah, I played a really good round today. I hit iron very good and putting very well also because this golf course very tricky, you have to have a good tee shot and have a good iron and putting very well. That's why, you know, par 5, if you make score on par 5. But I plan to play better, try to get my card for next year. I don't have enough tournament to play on Champions Tour. Very happy I qualified this week. Try to get to -- I think that's why I'm confident. I love the golf course. Very challenging. Everything the condition is perfect, I love the golf course.

Q. This is your first time at this golf course?

THONGCHAI JAIDEE: Yeah, first time on golf course this week, first time. It good thing for me, a golf course you have to think. You don't need to use a lot of driver, you use a lot of 3-wood or 7-wood from the tee and you make a chance if you hit the ball on the fairway. That's why my game plan make me confident. I think putting very good, and work with my caddie and anything, try to get my best for this week.

Q. After not playing in competition for several months, how good does it feel just to be back in that flow?

THONGCHAI JAIDEE: I stuck at home probably many month, like I couldn't fly at all, like 15 month to leave my country. But finally I practiced at home. The more important thing, you have to practice, keep practicing, try to get to come to here. And I think it's impossible, but this time very good chance to be here. Try to give my best and also try to get my performing getting back. That's what I have to do.

Q. First time at this course. How do you like the course? What were some of the things that you saw that worked in your favor to have a round such that you had?

THONGCHAI JAIDEE: I think that it would be my putter in the pro-am yesterday and day before, two round and it gave me a lot of information, what you have to do that's giving me, inform for you have to do. The bad thing, this golf course very challenge. It's not very long, you have to keep the ball in play and putting well. For me, I do my work thinking the wind is sometime changing, but I don't think it affect a lot but that's the way we have to do. I really enjoy. More important, enjoy playing this tournament and enjoy playing this golf course and enjoy with the putting.

Q. My last check has you at the top of the leaderboard. You jumped two guys with

that final birdie on the final hole. How satisfied are you with how you finished today's round?

THONGCHAI JAIDEE: The thing is performing I hit iron very good, putting very good. And last hole we look at the leaderboard, we leader on last one, very tough hole, par-3 9th and took an 8-iron 189-yard, perfect right to left, hit in front of the hole and landed about three feet and we made birdie from there. I think very enjoy, very happy my round today.