

SAHITH THEEGALA (-9)

Q. Four under today, now 9 under. Tell me how today went.

SAHITH THEEGALA: Yeah, it was -- it started off really solid, I was hitting it great off the tee, hitting it good into the greens. I hit a couple of really close approach shots on the par 3s, kind of had kick-ins there. And then didn't drive it so hot on the back, I think I hit maybe one or two fairways. It was just a scramble, but my putter really saved me today, my short game really saved me today. So obviously really happy with how I played out there.

Q. Is it a confidence boost when you kind of feel like you're scrambling but then able to recover nicely?

SAHITH THEEGALA: Absolutely because yesterday was the total opposite. I was kind of like firing on all cylinders in terms of ball-striking, hit it great all day and just didn't make anything. Me and Carl were just like, hey, you've got to stay patient. Poa greens, we know how it is growing up on these, just got to stay patient, and sure enough I got some putts to fall.

Q. Over the summer played here in the U.S. Open. Now you're feeling comfortable, especially playing --

SAHITH THEEGALA: Yeah, yeah, I played three Junior Worlds, like a bunch of other tournaments out on the South course. I only played eight holes for the practice round, so I felt like I knew the golf course really well and played it enough times. Feeling really comfortable, but you can never let your guard down, it's a big course. It's one of the tougher ones out here I've got to imagine. Yeah, feel really comfortable with it though.

Q. And last week, coming off a good week and then the fall you were in contention. What have just been kind of learning and takeaways from --

SAHITH THEEGALA: Yeah, yeah.

Q. -- atop the leaderboard?

SAHITH THEEGALA: Last week was great. I was just really frustrated after my Sunday. I had kind of let the moment get to me a little bit. But again, like you said, I've just been learning this whole time and the more times I put myself in that situation, the better I'm going to get at it hopefully. Just keeping that perspective. And again, just trying to make the most out of this opportunity that I have right now. Definitely going to lean on a couple of those experiences for this weekend.