POST-ROUND INTERVIEW May 4, 2023

SAHITH THEEGALA (-4)



Q. What were the keys to today's round?

SAHITH THEEGALA: Honestly, for me the big thing is just hitting it in the fairways and for the most part I did do that. I hit a couple squirrelly ones, but as long as I keep minimizing those, I like the rest -- where the rest of my game's been at for a while. Everything else was just solid. I hit a lot of solid approach shots to where I felt like I needed to and I didn't hit anything close, I don't know if I had any tap-ins or anything.

But yeah, just hit some key drives on some holes like 1 and 16 and 7, those kind of popped out, I hit the fairway on all of those and those are, I think, really important holes for that.

Q. Second season on Tour, a little more consistent and you mentioned stuff in your game that you're happy with. What are you happy about with your form this season?

SAHITH THEEGALA: Yeah, I think at the end of last year I made a point to really, really work on my short game more. It's the part of my game that I think is the best and I enjoy practicing it the most and I just want to make sure that's as good as it possibly is.

I just feel that I've been a little off on that and I've just been really focusing on that, kind of letting my ball-striking, the work I put in with my coach, the work I'm putting in on my body that alone has made my ball flight tighter and my ball-striking better. It also takes a little more stress off my driving because I've tried to work on it for so, so long and I'm like I'm going to just leave it, you know. I'm going to focus on my strengths and try and make those even stronger. That kind of releases a little bit of pressure off me on the other stuff. I think that's why I've been more consistent this year, too.

Q. Did Augusta at all change how you viewed yourself or what you're capable of?

SAHITH THEEGALA: No, but it did take me a while -- it took me after New Orleans to kind of think about the week because right after Augusta was RBC, an elevated event. Even though New Orleans was chill, I still, I didn't have time to think about it.

So no it hasn't, but it was really cool looking back on what I did on my first Masters and honestly one of my first majors. But looking back, I played really well. So it wasn't like I didn't play well, I did play really well. Definitely gives me more confidence but I don't look at myself any differently.

