

NV5 INVITATIONAL

ROUND 1 QUOTES

July 25, 2024



SUDARSHAN YELLAMARAJU (-8)

Q. Just walk me through some of the highlights of the day to get started here.

SUDARSHAN YELLAMARAJU: I just hit the ball well. A lot of the par 4s I scored pretty well. I don't think there was anything that stuck out, I just played really good long game and then made the putts when I needed to. It was pretty solid overall.

Q. What do you make of this course seeing it for the first time this week?

SUDARSHAN YELLAMARAJU: Very good. I mean, it's in great shape. It's demanding enough that you've got to hit it well, but then it's enough where you can score as everybody's been doing, myself and others as well. Yeah, and the weather's nice, that's another added bonus.

Q. What's the first year out here been like for you these six, seven months or so that you've been out here on to tour?

SUDARSHAN YELLAMARAJU: It's been enjoyable actually. I enjoy traveling and going to different places, and then you're playing on a great tour against great players, great courses. I've not been playing as good as I want to, but just got to stay patient, it's a long season. One or two weeks can just kind of change everything, so that's just kind of staying patient, persisting and yeah, but so far enjoying it.

Q. How do you avoid letting maybe frustrations or things like snowball over the course of multiple weeks as you're playing and playing?

SUDARSHAN YELLAMARAJU: To be honest, I did get frustrated, it's easy to. Everybody out here wants to play well. I know I'm more than capable of competing and it's kind of frustrating. You're fighting for cuts sometimes and you're not really competing. Just staying patient. I know I'm a good player and the good game's going to come, just patience is the key.

Q. Is there anything like now that you are seven months in out here that you wish you could almost go back and change about the beginning of the season, just maybe the way you went about tournaments or anything in general you would change?

SUDARSHAN YELLAMARAJU: Nothing really. I mean, obviously more just golf game, play better. You learn with travel and stuff like that where to go or what places to stay at and



stuff like that. Nothing much, just play better, that's all it is.

Q. What's been your happiest moment this year, doesn't even have to be golf related?

SUDARSHAN YELLAMARAJU: Honestly, it wasn't necessarily during a tournament. Going back home seeing my parents in the break after Springfield, Illinois, that was pretty nice, I had not seen them for a long time. Usually they try to go to as many tournaments as they can, but obviously with their work it's a little bit tough. Yeah, it was nice to see them, kind of get some rest. Then it was my birthday during that time as well. Yeah, just kind of all fell together nicely and I had a good kind of refreshed break.

Q. How would you kind of describe your golf journey thus far?

SUDARSHAN YELLAMARAJU: Steady, patience. I mean, I turned pro four years ago. I played on PGA TOUR Canada last couple years and just trying to -- just trying to play consistent, good golf and learning to score and competing, that's kind of the main thing. Yeah, I'm happy with the progress so far and I have no regrets so far.

Q. Did you have any kind of momentum turning pro that you were just kind of psyched about?

SUDARSHAN YELLAMARAJU: In 2022 I had to Monday qualify a couple times onto PGA TOUR Canada. Then the second time I Monday qualified was the last event before the reshuffle and made the cut and then reshuffled in for the rest of the season, then had like a couple top-10s. I think Monday qualifying into the event just before the reshuffle is probably the turning point because otherwise I probably would not be here at this point if it weren't for that.

Q. Have you played every week because you've wanted to play every week or is that more out of necessity?

SUDARSHAN YELLAMARAJU: Yeah, I want to play every week. I hate missing out, honestly. I just love competing. Whether I'm tired a lot or I'm just like great energy, I just want to compete. Like I said, for those things you kind of learn. This is the first time I've really played six, seven straight weeks in a row for tournaments, but it's part of it. You kind of learn and yeah, no, I'm enjoying it. That's the key.

