

UTAH CHAMPIONSHIP

ROUND 4 QUICK QUOTES

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JULIAN SURI (-18)



Q. Julian, congratulations, great round. Sort of walk me through some of the highlights on that back nine especially, closing with a birdie on 18.

JULIAN SURI: Yeah, you know, I played a nice front nine and then kind of had kind of a brain fart of a three-putt on 10. I think in some ways that woke me up a little bit and refocused me. I hit a beauty of a shot on 11, an 8-iron to about six feet, made a birdie there. Parred 12, and then I kind of knew there were some birdie looks coming up ahead.

Hit a good drive on 13, pitched it up to about six feet and made that. No. 14, hit a good drive and then had about 50 yards. Hit a pretty crappy wedge shot to about 20 feet, but made that down the hill, which was probably the toughest putt I made today.

And then 15, piped a drive, hit a beautiful 7-iron to about 40 feet past the hole and two-putted for birdie. Had a good look on 16, just burned the edge from about 30 feet. Then 17, piped a drive, hit a beautiful wedge shot to about five feet but it broke a ton and maybe didn't give it enough speed. And then 18, Pontus gave me a beautiful drive to look at and so I just copied him and outdrove him by a couple yards for the first time today. Hit a wedge shot right where we were looking about six feet pin high and then made it right in the middle, so that was nice.

Q. Seventeen, what were you thinking after sort of missed that putt?

JULIAN SURI: You know, at that point again I knew I had seen the leaderboard on the 17th tee box, so I knew I was one up, but those guys have so many holes to play and there's some birdie holes in there, especially 13 through 15. I was like let's just finish this thing out the way I want to. I was able to do that, so that was nice.

Q. At what point today did you think that you had gotten yourself in the mix and had done enough to kind of get yourself in contention?

JULIAN SURI: I made those three birdies in a row from 13 to 15 and then I was like, OK, well, I'm 5 under today, I'm 16 total. Is that right? No, 17 total. I finished at 18? So I got to 17 and I was like, that's got to be close. I kind of seen at the turn they weren't doing much on the front nine and figured if I could just post something early and kind of scare 'em a little bit. I was just -- I was proud of the way I executed down the stretch because I've been fighting some swing stuff the last few months, years, whatever. I executed the way I know I can, which is really nice.

Q. The season has kind of been up and down. What would you say has really enabled you to turn the corner the last two weeks?

JULIAN SURI: It hasn't been -- results wise it's been the last two weeks, but I think -- I reached out to a buddy of mine that I played with in Europe, Johannes Veerman, who's a very good player, he won out there last year on DP. He gave me a couple swing feels to work on after I missed the cut in Wichita.

From then on I've kind of seen incremental progress every week, every day and kind of stuck to a few different drills. Yeah, just got to trust it under the gun, which I was able to.

Q. What's it been like the last two seasons? I know you played a lot in Europe and then got membership back out here. You finished in the top-100 last year to get conditional, but how would you sum up the last two seasons or so?

JULIAN SURI: You know, it's humbling a little bit because having played in majors, I've played in quite a few PGA TOUR events and big European events and played WGCs, rest in peace, so I played in a lot of big events with big-time players and fans and stuff. You don't always get that in these events, especially when you're not playing great, so you miss that. As a performer, as an athlete, you want to be where the crowds are and on the biggest stages, that's what we dream of as kids.

But none of that happens without executing and performing well and trusting the process, as cliché as it sounds. So I knew I had it in me, I knew I have it in me, it's just kind of getting the right formula and putting it all together.

And some of that is physical, a lot of that is mental. It comes from my family, from my brother, who's very tough with me, who doesn't let me slide when I start, you know, talking like a weakling is what he says and he's like, "No, you've got to be better than that." He holds me to a high standard, so I'm very thankful for that.

Q. And you got a little emotional talking about sort of your support system in that Golf Channel interview. What just made that such an emotional thing for you to think about?

JULIAN SURI: Yeah, it's my parents, you know. My dad's from India, my mom's from Mexico, first immigrant parents. You know, it hasn't always been easy financially. There's a lot I want to give back to them, they're not getting any younger. Even though their favorite child is their corgi, I'd like to try to be top-2 sometimes.

And it means a lot. After every round they text me good or bad or indifferent, and after every week, and when I'm home I go to their house as much as I can. So without their sacrifices, I wouldn't be anywhere close to where I am right now.

Q. And now what's it like for you knowing that you vaulted into the top-20 and you're going to be playing for a PGA TOUR card down the stretch of the season?

JULIAN SURI: It's nice, but the job's not finished. I've got to keep going and keep trying to do what I did these last four days, stay patient with it and keep trusting the process. As long as I keep getting better, the results will take care of themselves.

Q. It's been a whirlwind since you finished your round. Did you have a chance to look at your phone and see what was going on or even call anybody, talk to your parents?

JULIAN SURI: I did not call them. I hadn't done anything, I hadn't achieved anything. All I did was sign the scorecard, so I was a little hesitant to -- my dad would say, "Get off the phone, you're going to jinx this," whatever. So I have not.

I've seen some texts rolling in and I think there will be quite a few in the next couple hours. But yeah, it's great. Like I said, you're nothing without the people around you. At times that's been a learning lesson, some good, some bad, but here we are and it's a good spot right now.

Q. Have you ever had the thought that if you won on a Tour, which you've done before, but have you had the thought that you would reward yourself in some way? Do you have any plans?

JULIAN SURI: I've got a 6:30 flight to Omaha tomorrow, so maybe I'll reward myself with a changed flight a little bit later for some sleep.

I mean, the job's not finished. I've got a lot of work left to do. There's two weeks left in this stretch and then I'm going to meet my girlfriend in Greece for a week. That will be nice. Maybe that's kind of a treat, although I purchased that beforehand.

You know, you've just got to keep going. It's fun, we'll celebrate tonight, but come Tuesday morning you're back at it in Omaha and you're trying to do this all over again. But Greece will probably be the cherry on top, yeah.