

U.S. Amateur Championship

Quick Quotes

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Sahith Theegala

Q. Well, you had a lead and then he came back with three birdies. What were you thinking at that point?

SAHITH THEEGALA: Well, I was thinking just keep doing my thing. I wasn't playing bad, he was just playing better than me at that point. I was hitting solid shots. I was hitting my irons way better than yesterday. I was hitting my driver well, as well, fairways, greens, and just wasn't rolling the putts, and he was. He was just hitting it closer than I was. I just stayed in my same mentality, hit fairways, hit greens.

Q. 15, how long was that one?

SAHITH THEEGALA: 15 was huge. It was probably about 25 feet, pretty straight putt, turns a little left to right, and the whole day I've just been under-reading it a little bit, so I ended up not lining up that putt. I had a diagonal or like a cross-line on it, and I put a really good stroke on that one, and it went right in the heart. I knew that was big. Unfortunately he hit a great putt, too, and that was a wicked horseshoe there.

Q. And then 16 you came back again?

SAHITH THEEGALA: Yeah, well, 16 I hit -- I figured it was playing kind of shorter today just because it wasn't as damp, so I hit 3-iron off the tee instead of hybrid, and I finally put it in the fairway there, and I saw he hit it in the rough and he ended up fatting it out of the rough just short of the green. I figured just hit the front of the green to give myself a chance because I had just rolled in the putt before. He hit a great chip up there to about a foot. It was basically good, and I knew I had a chance -- it was a very similar putt, left to right, just straight up the hill again, and I put that sideways line again and put a great roll on it. Kind of knew it was in midway through the putt there.

Q. How long was that?

SAHITH THEEGALA: It was about 20 feet, just shorter than the one on 15.

Q. You saw Fred Wedel here. Did you talk to him at all about his experience?

SAHITH THEEGALA: Oh, absolutely. He's been huge for me. I've talked to him a lot about the three Amateurs and obviously semifinalist. He's a great player. He has a great mental game for match play, so



he's definitely helping me out big time.

Q. Where is your confidence level now after this victory?

SAHITH THEEGALA: It's really high because I know Sam Burns is an awesome player. He's a great player, one of the top juniors and one of the top college freshmen. Obviously the whole LSU team is strong, but he's a great guy. I love playing with him, always has a great attitude. I was just happy I ended up playing better golf at the end.