

GAGANJEET BHULLAR (-14)

Q. Gaganjeet, congratulations. What a week it's been for you. You're our Fiji International presented by Fiji Airways winner. How are you feeling?

GAGANJEET BHULLAR: Oh, great. This is the first time I'm here in Fiji and I've enjoyed every bit of it, great hospitality, great people. I think this week was something really special and I could definitely feel it, a victory coming my way. Lately I've been playing really well, been giving myself a lot of good finishes and I think the momentum was getting ready to win like this.

Q. It was certainly a battle out there today between you and Anthony. How did it feel, I guess, when you made that eagle on 17?

GAGANJEET BHULLAR: You know, honestly, it could have been anybody's tournament. Ernie was right up there, Anthony played really, really well. 9 under on this golf course in this condition, that is something really good. As I said, Ben Campbell was right up there. I think it was just maybe golfing gods were on my side this week and my back nine was really, really strong. I played the last few months, I was struggling on my Sunday back nine. But I'm really proud of myself that this was actually to prove it to myself and I'm glad I did it. Really, really good to be back.

Q. And you certainly are a popular winner here in Fiji with your surname being Bhullar. Is that going to be extra special, do you think?

GAGANJEET BHULLAR: I think so. Ever since I landed here, I think I mentioned this in my interview after day two and day three, I've been turning my neck all around the place. Everybody Bhullar, Bhullar. I think it's a great feeling. Special thanks to all the fans, they all supported me this week. There was a big group of Indian families following me, especially on the back nine. And the roar on the 17th really charged me up. Once again, thanks to all the people, everybody who supported me this week.

Q. And how would you say this win ranks among your career highlights?

GAGANJEET BHULLAR: Well, this is my ninth Asian Tour win and first on the European Tour. I think every one is special and I do have a feeling that after this, a lot of doors for me will open. I know I have said this before after winning a lot of Asian Tour events, but I think this is something really special. I think I have to sit down and work on my new schedule for next week. Definitely, you know, this week will definitely be (inaudible) for me.

Q. And what about your time away from the course, have you enjoyed Fiji? I believe

your wife was scuba diving today?

GAGANJEET BHULLAR: Yeah, she did snorkeling, scuba diving, she did everything. Yeah, we both enjoyed our trip to Fiji and we're really, really looking forward to come back here next year.

Q. This win definitely will bring you closer to the Habitat for Humanity standings. You get to lay your hand on the crown as well?

GAGANJEET BHULLAR: Yeah, subconsciously, I think in order to win the Asian Tour Order of Merit, you need to win a big one and I think this victory, this prize money will help me to be, I guess, top-5 right now. Still have a lot of great tournaments coming up in the second half. This will definitely be on my mind right now.

Q. You sort of give yourself relief, took some pressure off you (inaudible)?

GAGANJEET BHULLAR: I think the highlight of today's round would be the first one hour of play. I was 3 under after four holes and all those four holes were really, really crucial. Anything could have happened. Had I not had a great start, I don't know. Maybe I might have settled for second or third.

But I think the key was the first four holes, and of course the back nine. Back nine didn't do all the trick. The par save on No. 10 was the moment of the round. That kept me going, that pretty much kept my hopes alive. After that, I think a good birdie on No. 13 was a great comeback. And then, of course, the chip-in on No. 17 pretty much closed the deal.

Q. You had a local caddie?

GAGANJEET BHULLAR: Yeah, he was great. I asked him probably seven or eight lines this week and he was spot on. I think he was definitely a helping hand on my -- for this week's victory.

Q. A lot of new doors are opening for you, Australia to Europe and, of course, Asia. What kind of goals and what kind of schedule change would be there for you from here on?

GAGANJEET BHULLAR: You know, I have been in this kind of situation earlier and I made a few mistakes, but I think this time I'm going to take it very calmly and soberly. It's going to be like one shot at a time, one tournament at a time.

But yes, after this week, there are a lot of opportunities for me on the European Tour. I played two full seasons back in 2013 and 2014 on the European Tour and then I had to come back to the Asian Tour because of my injury. So I think this victory is really emotional for me in terms of playing opportunity and getting back on the European soil.

I absolutely agree, I think I need to sit down with my coach and I need to see all the courses where my game would suit. Yeah, I think now I'm mentally ready for the European Tour.

Q. This is an opportunity to get to the World Cup, Olympic games coming up in a year and a half, so many other things, including the Presidents Cup. Ernie Els mentioned your name saying that you could be one of the guys who could make the team. So how does all that set up for you?

GAGANJEET BHULLAR: Again, as I said, it's going to be one shot at a time. I have made a few mistakes in the past and I'm going to rectify that this time. As long as you're playing well, the doors will keep on opening for you. The goal is just to keep on working hard.

And special thanks goes to my coach. He's been making me work really, really hard. I've been working on my fitness for the past one year. And just the team around myself, everybody's just helping me to be improving and getting back on the European Tour and realizing my dream to be on the PGA TOUR soon.

Q. You are now the most successful Indian golfer, only the fifth to have won a European tournament and the first to get a card on the Australian Tour. Do you know all this?

GAGANJEET BHULLAR: Well, these things were definitely playing in my mind coming down the 18th hole. I think I would definitely cherish the ninth win because we worked really hard for it. Before that, I was tied with my childhood heroes like Arjun Atwal and Jeev Milkha Singh and Jyoti Randhawa, so this is definitely a source of achievement for me. I'm going to work more and more hard to win more and more titles on the international level.

Q. In your speech, you mentioned that Vijay Singh was a hero of yours and that you had a word with him last night. What did you chat about?

GAGANJEET BHULLAR: You know, that was post dinner and we just bumped into each other. He basically told me a really wise word. He said, "Son, you're ready to win this tournament, just be aggressive, give 100 percent and the golfing gods are going to be on your side."