

ROUND 4 QUICK QUOTES
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SAHITH THEEGALA (-21)



Q. Sahith, your 74th start on the PGA TOUR you walk away with your very first victory in your home state of California no less in a place that you love so much. What does this moment mean to you?

SAHITH THEEGALA: It doesn't feel real. It's probably not going to set in for while. But man, that was a lot of good golf, and that was some of the most fun I've ever had in my life. I had so many family and friends cheering me on, and just the support I have is mind blowing. I go to bed at night these last few days and I'm like, I can't believe how many people are cheering for me and rooting for me.

But man, this feeling is incredible. And I couldn't have done it without my whole team and everyone out here. This is such a team effort, and for me to just put it together like this, it means the world, it means the world to me.

Q. Well, golf is a solitary sport Terry was saying on our broadcast, but your friends and family, your support system, that's what really makes this machine work. Your dad, Mural, your mom, Karuna, and everybody here, 35 strong, how important were they to your success here this week and to your whole career?

SAHITH THEEGALA: Yeah, they meant everything. Just like the way I am, I kind of keep my head down and keep going and stay focused, but I secretly just loving the cheering. It gets me fired up. And just knowing that I have that support no matter the good golf or the bad golf, they just have my back and I hope they know that I have their back, too.

I can't even express how I feel. It's a team win. It's not just a win for me, it's a win for the whole family and everyone.

Q. Mural, you and Karuna have been there for every single step of the way through this career. What does it mean to you to watch your son achieve this dream?

MURALIDHAR THEEGALA: It's incredible. I think one thing is as a rookie, you're hoping that somebody plays bad and for you to win it, but he went and got it, I'm so proud of him. This goes a long for his career, feeling confident that I could do it on my own, I don't have to depend on others. I think this is why I was proud him, that I knew he could do it.

But I had to be realistic. When he won in college four times, I told him realistically on the PGA TOUR he may have won only one of a hundred, and he proved me wrong. But he's very practical, I had to make it practical for --

KARUNA THEEGALA: He's a really hard worker.

Q. Congratulations. You deserve every single moment of this. To the whole Team Theegala, you guys have earned it, and you're going to celebrate tonight?

SAHITH THEEGALA: Definitely going to celebrate. Thank you, Kira.