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Players Quotes

Shubhankar Sharma (Ind) – Final Round 62 (-10), Total 267 (-21)

I played pretty solid and it wasn't easy because it was windy. I kept pushing the whole day. I knew I had to make a lot birdies to catch the leaders. I made a lot of birdies in the front nine and just continued on the back.

To be honest, I wasn't thinking about the leader board. I wanted to set a target in my mind and try to achieve it. On the 13th I knew I was somewhere near the leaders but on 16 I knew I had a two-shot lead. I told myself if I can make two more birdies, that would give me a good chance to win.

The last two months have changed my life. I've been a member on the Asian Tour for a while and I will continue to be a member on the Asian Tour. I've always dreamt of winning and now I'm a two-time winner on the Asian Tour and European Tour.

I didn't make a birdie on the first hole which is quite disappointing because that's quite an easy hole. I wasn't putting too well just the way I was driving the ball I knew the win in Joburg helped a lot. Especially today, I was very calm on the course. I wasn't under any pressure.

I didn't make a bogey at all and it is very rare because you usually end up slipping after making birdies. I played really well, especially with the way I started. It is always tough to make birdies when you are trailing the leaders, but I relaxed.

I'm over the moon. The last two months have been fantastic for me. I'm playing in The Open championship this year, so I can't ask for anything more. Whatever happened today was fantastic.

I had a few 10-under-pars before. I shot my first one in the Philippines two years ago to safe my Asian Tour card and I shot another one before winning the Joburg Open. I made a brilliant birdie on the nine. I pushed my tee shot to the right, but I hit a brilliant second shot holed my birdie from about 15 feet.

On the 16th hole I saw the leaderboard and I had a two-shot lead, so I told myself I needed one more birdie and I made a very nice birdie on 17. On 18, my ball was in the greenside



bunker and the easiest up-and-down to make. I was just telling myself 'don't mess this up, don't duff it or top it.'

It is still early in the season and I haven't thought about winning the Habitat for Humanity Standings. I'm also leading in the Race to Dubai but I'm not thinking about it because there are so many events left. If I play well enough, I will have a good chance to win the Habitat for Humanity Standings. This win is great because it opens so many doors for me. I'm also playing in The Open so I'm excited about that. All and all, it is a great day.

This is a very special golf course. I finished tied ninth here last year and it was my first Maybank Championship and best result in a co-sanctioned event. I kept my Asian Tour card here because of this result here. Obviously, I love the course. It wasn't easy today because it was very windy, but this course suits my eye.

Gavin (Green) is a great friend. We know each other for three years now. He is a great guy and he is obviously a Maybank Ambassador and the reigning Order of Merit champion. He is a great guy and a great player. We've been good friends and he will also be playing on the European Tour, so I will have some good company.

More and more players are coming out of Asia and India. More Asian players are doing well. You've had players like Arjun Atwal, Jyoti Randhawa and Anirban Lahiri. Just seeing them do well inspire us. Especially me winning now will inspire some kids so we need more idols to inspire more people and give them the confidence that they can do it as well. Asian golf is in the right hands and it is doing very well. You will see more and more Asian players winning in Europe.

No, not at all. I never thought I would win today. In a way that's good because I was four shots off the leaders. The best thing was that I wasn't in the leader group. I didn't go in with the mind-set to win but I went in with the mind-set to shoot a low round. That really helped me today. I had a good feeling I would play well and shoot a low number and that's what I did.

My dad was in the army and we pretty much went all over the place in India. We were in many places. Dad used to be posted all around and we as a family followed him. I got into the game when I was seven. I turned professional when I was still in school. My dad is one of the biggest reasons that I could take this step. He has been a great inspiration. I'm 21 but this is my sixth season as a professional. I already feel like a veteran.

Both my wins now are very special. Joburg Open was obviously my first win and it was a different atmosphere because I was the only Indian there. It was very calm. I was more in the zone. The first wins are always special. I was leading going into the final round of the



Joburg Open so I was expected to win. Today, I had no expectations. I didn't even know I was going to win until the 16th leader board. Both wins are different but very special.

Jorge Campillo (Esp) – Final Round 68 (-4), Total 269 (-19)

I started really good. I started good in the first eight holes then I missed my drive on the ninth hole. After that I made some good up-and-downs and gave myself some birdie chance. I finished good so I'm happy with that.

I knew he had to shoot low but not that low. It was windy, and it was quite tricky out there. It is tough to beat someone who shoots a 10-under. I kept trying and I've finished second way too many times.

I finish by myself so that's quite positive. I'm very happy with that.

Khalin Joshi – Fourth Round 70 (-2), Total 272 (16)

I kept myself together all week. I didn't go as low as I could have today but there are so many positives from this week. Now I believe I can play better and I know that I can compete at this level. I showed that to everyone and I proved that to myself. It's a good week for me. Going to rest this week and then I will start off in India again I'm not sure. I am going to meet my coach and spend some time working on a couple of things.

Hopefully I can get a few more invites and looking forward to the next couple of events. Things have changed so much for me this past year, I was struggling to keep my card just last year and this week comes, and I have secured my card already. It changes a lot mentally, now I play to win and not just to play and secure my card. I am so happy for Shubhankar, we were roommates this week and last night we were talking about being roommates on tour if I won. We are good friends and I learn a lot from him and it motivates me to work harder and be up there with him.

Pablo Larrazabal

After missing the cut in Abu Dhabi and Dubai, we knew that I was playing good. I took five weeks off during the winter and I came fresh, but the swing wasn't ready to go.

I made the cut on the mark and it was a little bit of a release, we knew that we were hitting the ball very nicely, we just had to roll some putts in, so 14 under par over the weekend is something special, a bogey-free weekend is as good as it can get.



Congratulations to Sharma, to shoot ten under par on Sunday you will win any event you play in and top five I am very happy.”

Ryan Fox

It was solid. Not quite as good of a start as yesterday, I started with a three instead of a two, but I gave myself a bunch of chances and closed well, but Shubhankar played some amazing golf out there to shoot ten and that is pretty hard to catch.

You can see it's out there, obviously Lee (Westwood) shot it earlier in the week and to do it to win a golf tournament is seriously impressive.

It was the best I've played for a little while. I drove it really solid, the ball-striking was there, and I holed some putts today, so a lot to take into the rest of the season and put four rounds together this week.

Dylan Frittelli

It wasn't great out there, I struggled all day but really proud of the way I hung in there, didn't have it on the greens today and struggled to make putts but still a good week, 16 under is nothing to scoff at and looking forward to some well-earned relaxation.

I just saw him going up the leaderboard and got to 12 and 13 and thought, whoa I'm going to have to throw in some eagles here to catch him. That's an amazing round, ten under final round, the course wasn't easy today with the greens a bit choppy and the wind blowing out of every corner so credit to Shubhankar.

Lots of positives, drove it well, I played great golf and kept a level head throughout most of the tournament. Got a little bit fiery at the end there but I was trying to catch up to the leaders, so a good week.”