

Interview Transcript: JIYAI SHIN

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MODERATOR: Congratulations on your win today. You defeated Hee-Won Han. How did you feel the match was today.

JIYAI SHIN: Well, thank you for coming. I feel really comfortable right now because I won today, but I already have confidence in my shots, I play very easy, and then I play with Hee-Won Han and then really close to her. And then last one year I couldn't play with her, so we make really enjoyed the time to --

MODERATOR: You all are good friends?

JIYAI SHIN: Yes.

MODERATOR: Good. Questions?

Q.Does this course suit your game? Are you having fun out here at Hamilton Farm?

JIYAI SHIN: First time here, and then it's in great condition, I really love that. The greens are so soft, so we can't hit an aggressive shot every hole. I think really good course for the match play. I needed sometimes a long hit, but also need a very consistent shot, too, because lots of bunkers near the greens. I'm really happy playing here.

Q.How is life different when you're number 1?

JIYAI SHIN: Actually, it's not much different, just change in my (inaudible,) that's it. I'm all the time -- every time I focus on my game and then still I do just focus on game. But just people say oh, you're number 1, you're number 1, that make happy, that make happy, but it doesn't change anything.

Q.You don't feel like you have a target on your back or anything?

JIYAI SHIN: Well, now my goal is -- target is just keep keeping number 1 long time because I'm all the time dreaming of being number one and then I'm there right now and I'm still young, I have lots of time to play golf, so I want to keep it -- keeping long time be number 1.

Q. There's a lot of talk about the LPGA Tour with the retirement of Lorena that the sort of number 1 spot is up for grabs. I mean, you are number 1 now. When you hear that, do you feel sort of overlooked or feel like saying here I am, I am number 1, it's not up for grabs sort of?

JIYAI SHIN: Well, yeah, I'm number 1 right now, but if I retire, it's too early I think. I'm just 22 years old. Well, I really surprised at Lorena's choice because she really enjoying the LPGA Tour and then she suddenly changed her mind, so I'm really surprised. I respected her choice too because she said more time -- get time for the family because we all the time traveling, so also I'm missing the family too, so I think she's really smart.

Q. But you're number 1 now. Do you feel overlooked at all like you don't get the attention that a normal number 1 player would get?

MODERATOR: Overlooked, like other people don't notice you, not noticed.

JIYAI SHIN: Well, now we are so close to second players, right?

MODERATOR: Do you feel like you're number 1 and then people don't see you? Do you feel like people don't recognize you and see you as number 1?

JIYAI SHIN: No, no. A little bit.

MODERATOR: A little bit? All right.

Q. How are you a different player now from when you won the British Open?

JIYAI SHIN: Well, after British Open, my win, I play here is a big thing because before, if I not won the British Open, I play the (inaudible) or the Futures Tour if I needed more time to play here, but now I play here and then actually that tournament really big change for me, my life, because before I play, I'm watching the LPGA tournament, I'm just, looks like, there's so many players, there's so much good players over there. Oh, how can I play over there? I won. After I really -- oh, well, I can do it, too. So I get the big confidence for my life.

MODERATOR: Anything else? Thank you very much.

JIYAI SHIN: Thank you.