

Interview Transcript: MICHELLE WIE

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MODERATOR: Congratulations, won another match.

MICHELLE WIE: Thank you.

MODERATOR: Great match today, 5 & 4. How did you play today?

MICHELLE WIE: You know, I felt like I was just focusing on my shots, hitting the fairway, greens, and trying to make some putts out there today.

MODERATOR: Very good. Let's start out with some questions. Here's the microphone up here.

Q.Hi Michelle. We've been asking the other players today about sort of the state of the LPGA. There's been a lot of flux this year, people leaving and some of the older names retiring. You've been here a little bit, so you kind of know what the ground is like. Can you talk about the LPGA and where you see it going in the next couple years?

MICHELLE WIE: I definitely see ourselves moving upwards. I definitely do realize, admit that we were in a tough state before, but we're definitely moving in the right direction with the new commissioner, with new staff and new players. I think that our product is really strong and we're definitely getting better, getting stronger, and through the hard times I think that we all bonded more and I think that it's going to get better and better.

Q.Well, you're one of the obviously more recognizable names. Do you feel a little more pressure now that you have to put on a show everywhere you go so that people will pay more attention to the game?

MICHELLE WIE: You know, not any more than I used to. I just put pressure on myself to try to play the best I can and obviously I want to provide the best entertainment out there.

Q.Michelle, what was the key for you today? I mean, you seemed to get up on her early. What did you do well to sort of open up a big lead and have a pretty comfortable win?

MICHELLE WIE: Well, it's nice that I birdied the par 5, unlike yesterday. Moving forward, but just, you know, same thing as yesterday and probably same thing tomorrow. I'm just thinking of hitting fairways, greens, giving myself some birdie opportunities and keeping it in play.

Q.Can you take the momentum from having a win like this into tomorrow?

MICHELLE WIE: Yeah, hopefully.

Q.Was there ever a point you thought about playing golf collegiately way back when, and why did you make the decision, this career path decision you've made?

MICHELLE WIE: No, never really. I never played high school golf really. That was never in the plans. College was definitely in the plans, but college golf never really -- I never -- actually, it never really crossed my mind.

Q.After a pretty long struggle yesterday, was it nice to finish early today, especially with potentially a 72 hole or more weekend?

MICHELLE WIE: You know, it was nice, but I'm just going off the good feelings I felt today and yesterday. It's definitely a grind out there. Just because I won 5 & 4 does not mean that, you know, it was really necessarily that much easier. I still played as hard as I can and I still will do it tomorrow. Whether it's going to be a hard match, easy match, whatever, I'm just going to go out there and play my hardest.

Q.You're still standing. Have you noticed that many of the top seeds have already gone out and if so, does that encourage you for the final two days?

MICHELLE WIE: You never know in match play what can happen, you just never know.

Q.Some people have described the Tour now after Lorena's announcement as sort of a big crowded chase toward number 1? Do you see it that way?

MICHELLE WIE: Yeah, for sure. I definitely feel like everyone's brought the game up to a whole 'nother level. It's becoming harder and harder to win tournaments. Everyone's playing so much better. You go out there, you practice for a couple weeks and you think you've

gotten so much better, and then everyone else has gotten better as well too. So it's definitely a struggle, it's definitely a grind to get up there.

MODERATOR: Any other questions? All right, thanks.

MICHELLE WIE: Thank you.