

Interview Transcript: JIYAI SHIN

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MODERATOR: If you can just talk about this afternoon match a little bit. I know you had the two birdies on the back 9, if you want to talk about the last two birdies.

JIYAI SHIN: Okay. Well, thank you for coming in. Well, this match was so big match. Actually, before I saw the paring with Michelle, I really -- I was worried because she is a long hitter and I'm not. But then in the afternoon, they have lots of wind, too, so a little bit get more pressure. Well, when I finish on the 13th hole, I still -- lost one hole, but I still waiting for my chance and then I made a couple more and I get it.

MODERATOR: Questions?

Q.She makes that long putt on the par 3, number 12. What does that get you thinking? Does that get you thinking, jeez, I've got to get it right back, or were you patient waiting for your opportunity?

JIYAI SHIN: Well, it was almost 10 yards, it was almost 10 yards. And then I sort of (inaudible) Michelle's ball and then my ball was very close, so I just remember her line and I just thinking by myself, okay, just follow, just follow. But I'm just amazed but it was just on 12 so (inaudible.) I'm thinking, well, this match is getting if you know. Yeah, I think that.

Q.How big was your putt at 13? She had that -- she had hit it I guess over the green and then she chipped and she looked like she was going to get par and then you were able to roll in. How long was that putt and how big was that for you to make that at 13?

JIYAI SHIN: That was almost 15 feet, yeah, a little bit uphill and then a little bit right to left. And then she was great chip back there, but I'm thinking before before 12 hole, I didn't make birdie, so I'm thinking, well, this is my birdie chance, I had to make birdie time and I really like that lie, a little bit right to left and then uphill, so I try hit with my confidence and I made it.

Q.When you're number 1, do you think about it off the course when you're practicing, in the evening, and when you go out to play, does it put pressure to keep that number 1?

JIYAI SHIN: Well, actually not. I get more relaxed, more comfortable because number 1 was my goal all my life before, 11 years my goal and then I made my goal, so I'm more comfortable. And then -- well, I just try -- I'm thinking I have to keep for a long time, but I think just I have enough focus on the golf course, that's it. Outside the golf, just more (inaudible) right now, just more enjoying in my life.

Q.What's it, 15 and 16, she gave you two openings. Given the way the match had been going, was it really important to sort of capitalize on any opportunity she gave you?

MODERATOR: Capitalize, take advantage of, the opening she gave you, were you able to really take advantage of those moments.

JIYAI SHIN: Sorry?

MODERATOR: What's another word for capitalize? Take advantage.

JIYAI SHIN: Yes, of course, because before she was played very good and then I always thinking inside the golf, we have a three times chance and three times difficult situation, and then she got a difficult situation on 15 and 16. So I was on number 10 and some other hole and I made a good save, but she missed 15, 16 and then we almost done, we have only two holes left, so I'm thinking, well, getting closer.

Q.Do you think even though you're the number 1 player in the world, you proved something today beating Michelle Wie because everybody knows Michelle and maybe, at least around here, not everybody knows how good you are?

JIYAI SHIN: Michelle -- actually, I'm not. She's already a superstar in the world. Well, I just try my -- focus on my game, that's it.

Q.I think it's more like do you want to make a name, do you want more people to know about you? A lot of people in the United States don't know you as a golfer.

JIYAI SHIN: Well, I want everybody to know me and I just need the time. I play just last couple years, so if I play here more like in a year more, I think should be getting better.

Q.What are you looking forward to tomorrow?

JIYAI SHIN: Well, today I didn't make mistake, so same plan for

tomorrow, just keeping my focus on my game and just want to play smart, want to play smart play.

Q.What do you know about who you're playing against?

JIYAI SHIN: Well, I play with Sun Young Yoo, I already played a few times, and I close to her, too. Personally (inaudible) with a Korean, but it just tournament.

MODERATOR: Do you know her well?

JIYAI SHIN: Yeah, of course. I just try my best.

Q.What kind of a player would you say she is?

JIYAI SHIN: Sorry?

Q.What kind of a player is she?

MODERATOR: What's good about her game?

JIYAI SHIN: She have a good short game, yeah, and then she also very consistent play, she have a very consistent shot every hole. I think tomorrow also a little bit tough game, but I do my best.

Q.What's the key to playing long days like this? If you're going to have to plan on playing 36 holes, what do you need to do?

JIYAI SHIN: Well, morning play, fortunately I just played 15 holes. Should be tomorrow also I try my best on the front 9 and then make play easy at the back 9 and then I just want to give my physical conditions for the afternoon, too.

Q.Is match play more mentally demanding than stroke play?

JIYAI SHIN: Yes, of course, I think so, because I just play match play just a couple times because in Korea we don't have a match play. This is my third time match play actually, so I got really pressure on every hole. It's a big different than stroke play, too.

Q.Given that it's only your third time in match play, were you nervous coming into this week on how you would do?

JIYAI SHIN: Yes, I do, and then first couple match was Korean and well, I still have a good feeling, but last week I have a good shot but my putting was a little bit bad, so match play need more good

putting too. So a little bit worried and a little bit pressure, too, but it's gone already.

MODERATOR: Seems to be okay.

Q. We added it up that you've got six LPGA Tour victories and 23 international victories, so tomorrow could be your 30th professional victory. Does that seem impossible for somebody that just turned 22? Pretty amazing?

JIYAI SHIN: Well, I don't think so. Well, sounds a lot, I really surprised. Well, now many young players really good. Yeah, I'm just 22 years old, but the age doesn't matter for the winning.

MODERATOR: Anything else? Thank you.