

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW: NA YEON CHOI
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Q. You set the 36-hole scoring record here, that's pretty impressive. When you arrived at Pinnacle Country Club, did you think you had this performance in you?

NA YEON CHOI: Actually beginning of this week I felt really good about my swing and putting, so I felt like pretty confident with this tournament and this week tournament. And then I just realized I shoot 29 on the back nine today, that was my record. I mean, on the course I didn't think about any score, any number out there, I just tried to be more independent player out there, and after 18 holes I got the score, I'm very satisfied.

Q. You've obviously done we well in the past in your career. You had a little bit of an off season last year. Would you say that's putting it down to just what you said, trying to be more present in your round because you obviously won at the start of this year and came off a little bit in the middle of the year?

NA YEON CHOI: Yeah, I think like last say five, six weeks, like last five, six tournaments I was asking too much question to my caddie and I couldn't trust myself. But this week I felt good about my swing and putting, so like on the course I didn't ask much to my caddie and I just decided all the decision myself and then just see the target and hit it good swing.

Q. Na Yeon, obviously huge eagle there on 18. Can you walk us through what happened?

NA YEON CHOI: Yeah. My ball stayed in the first cut, a little bit left side. I was really confused like hit lay up or to the green. I got the 3-wood out first, then changed it to a pitching wedge and then back to 3-wood because there is a small gap to the right side of the green. But the wind helped me a lot, wind was a little bit helping right to left, so I just hit 3-wood. I mean, I couldn't hit a 3-wood if today is Sunday, but today's like Saturday and then I feel good about my swing so I just hit it. Then I didn't think about I can make the eagle putt, but it was almost 45 feet but I made it.

Q. It was a good roar from the crowd, too. Can you talk about the support here?

NA YEON CHOI: Awesome, awesome. Like The Loudest Hole hole is 17. Even that hole I had a great shot, I finished inside of one foot and the crowd was crazy for me. And then even hole 18 when I made eagle putt, they were like crazy. I really very excited.

Q. Does that make you more excited for tomorrow's round to know the support out here?

NA YEON CHOI: I think so, I think so. A lot of people like saying my name and that kind of encouraging me, especially like no family this week for me. But a lot of crowd supporting me

that makes me like excited.

Q. What do you feel like was your best aspect of your game today, your putter? What do you think helped get to 8-under?

NA YEON CHOI: I think everything. Sometime I missed the fairway or missed the green, but it's very a little small missed it. Then my ball contact way better than last tournament. The course condition is great. If my ball finish on the fairway or green, I feel I could make.

Q. Do you think it takes another low number tomorrow to hold off the people behind you have?

NA YEON CHOI: I'm not sure. Like today and yesterday, LPGA moved the tee boxes a little bit forward for par 5 so we had a little bit of advantage on par 5. I don't know tomorrow, but this course seems like it suits me so I feel confidence.

Q. Na Yeon, is your Rolex ranking, Olympics, does that play any role into what's driving you right now?

NA YEON CHOI: I have no idea where I am right now. I have no idea. Even on the course like I just really like after the scorecard, I just realized I shoot 8-under today.

Q. Really?

NA YEON CHOI: Yeah, I didn't know. I had no idea.

Q. So you block everything out and just play?

NA YEON CHOI: I tried, I tried. I had like minus-3 the last two holes so it was only 5-under, and then like after hole 18 I just shoot like 8-under. Then the 29, that was special to me. First time I shoot like 29, yeah.

Q. But what about the Olympics?

NA YEON CHOI: It's my goal, it's one of my biggest goal like being an Olympic, but I think since I think about that, I got a lot of pressure. You know, a lot of Korean players playing well and top 5 or top 10. I have to play well. But kind of everything is giving me a lot of pressure so right now that's my goal. I would like to be there, it would be an honor, but right now just play every day and then play to great.