

FINAL ROUND INTERVIEW: NA YEON CHOI
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MODERATOR: Welcome to the media center the 2015 champion. What went through your mind there on 16 with that second shot?

NA YEON CHOI: I had no idea. I mean, today, especially my putting didn't really work and but still I tried to keep focus my shot and swing, and then I kept hitting well and then after 16 I, after I hit the second shot, I knew this is going to be good. I felt really good, you know, feeling after the impact. So when I holed the finish, I thought it's going to be good, but I didn't expect like go in. So I was very happy after that shot, but like unfortunately I couldn't see the ball going in. I just heard a lot of screaming around the green. So that's why I knew that. and then after that hole, hole 17, I got the same club, almost a similar number, and I hit pretty much the same shot and then that was almost go in too. So that two shot, I think I have to remember for my future all the games and then try to just like same feeling.

MODERATOR: And then you were telling me that your caddie, this is his first time ever professional caddieing, that he got hooked up with your manager in Korea and he's trying to play on the KPGA, he's a good player as well. Tell me how that came about?

NA YEON CHOI: He really standing my side, that was good this week, you know. You know, like this week I don't have any my team this week, no manager, no family. So I was talking with my caddie almost every night and then I guarantee he walked the course at least three time and he walked the course a lot and study about course and asking me a lot of question. And I was really surprised after that winning putt he took the flag hole 18. Nobody teach him. I didn't teach him. But he took the flag and I asked him after the round and another caddie in the group, Craig, he told him, like you have to grab the flag. So that's why he got the flag. I mean, he always be my side and he tried to like give me a lot of food and drink and when I asked some question he always like respect my answers, so I think I always like that.

MODERATOR: Perfect like to open it up for questions.

Q How much of the day were off. I'm sure you heard Stacy. Did you think at any point that maybe this just isn't my day or did you stay --

NA YEON CHOI: I was thinking little bit, but I didn't give up at all. After the front nine I tried to not watch the leaderboard, but after I bogeyed holes 13, after that I just thought myself like I have to watch and then even like top two, top three, so I started looking at the leaderboard after 13 hole. And then I was one or two shot behind Stacy but I was one behind the group so I can watch her game. So I watched her game and she missed a putt so I felt better and then less pressure. So I mean that's the thing, I didn't give up, my putting didn't well, but I hit it well with my club so I thought I could win without putter.

Q How important was it going into the 18 with a two stroke lead. Did you play any different on 18?

NA YEON CHOI: Was a lot of less pressure, I think. Sorry. Pretty less pressure on hole 18

when I lead two shot. And then I mean obviously I missed a tee shot to the right bunker, but I watched her, Stacy missed a putt before I hit the third shot to the green, so I was feel like just make a par or even bogey. I knew that the score. So was very actually comfortable, wasn't nervous, yeah.

Q Former U.S. Women's Open champ; is that right?

NA YEON CHOI: Yeah.

Q So going back, I mean, you've got to be very happy going into two weeks in Pennsylvania?

NA YEON CHOI: Yeah, actually after the second round yesterday I just talked to my mom and then I said I don't care if I win or not, but the good thing is like I kind of found back my game before going into the U.S. Open. So, you know, as long as I happy with my game, then I'm fine. So I told my mom last night and then today I mean obviously I had a good, but still I'm feeling about good with my game. So for the U.S. Open I think I feel like very confidence going into that U.S. Open.

Q Any special plans for the 8-iron or will you keep playing with it?

NA YEON CHOI: But I like the 8-iron forever. if someone ask me what's your favorite club I always answer the 8-iron. So I like that club and when I pull the 8-iron I always feel good. So I think that's my one of the favorite club in the bag.

MODERATOR: More questions for Na Yeon? Perfect. Congratulations. Thank you for coming in.

NA YEON CHOI: Thank you.