

FINAL ROUND INTERVIEW: LYDIA KO
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Q You've got to feel good about that 8-under today heading into the U.S. Open

LYDIA KO: Yeah, I think I've been hitting the ball really well the last couple days. Just the first day my tee shot was a little off and that created three bogeys with it, but other than that I've been hitting the ball really well. My tee shots were good the last two days so in a way I was playing good and my score wasn't up to that. But today I got some putts rolling and I shot in well with 3-under the first three holes, and when you get in a good momentum like that it gives you a good confidence for the day.

Q I know you said you're one back right now, but going to -- had to catch a plane. It's not going to hold, is it?

LYDIA KO: No, I mean, I'll be honest. I think it's going to be at least four maybe shots ahead of me. I don't know if I'm even going to be top ten today, but I did what I could do. The last few days I just didn't make enough birdies and left many shots behind. It's hard to try and catch up.

Q What do you take away from the missed cut? I mean, it's so rare.

LYDIA KO: Yeah, I know, that like I really had one bad hole and I kind of got it carried on for the next couple holes and that was really my mistake. And I thought I tried to get my mind together. Then, you know, I was only one shot, you know, from making the cut. So I think learning is that one hole is one hole. There are some birdies out there. I had a good time off, you know, I enjoyed New York, and I watched a Broadway show.

Q Oh, really? What did you see?

LYDIA KO: Wicked, and I've been wanting to see that. So, no, I think I would have loved to play the next two days because Westchester was definitely one of the best courses that we played on.

Q Right.

LYDIA KO: So disappointing but at the same time I enjoyed that time off.

Q What have you been working on?

LYDIA KO: I saw David a couple days, you know, at the academy and then tried to get my putter going. My distance control was off during Westchester so I fiddled around with a couple putters. It's getting better. Even if you shoot an 8-under, you always know that you can do better so you're always polishing the game.

Q What is the plan for this week heading into the U.S. Women's Open?

LYDIA KO: Well, I've got something a charity date tomorrow, so that's why I'm flying out soon. And then after that I'm going to maybe have a couple days off and then do some practice in Orlando, but it's so hot in Orlando and I just kind of have to keep my energy level very conservative and be balanced.

Q What stands out to you about the U.S. Women's Open?

LYDIA KO: Everybody talks about it, you know, anyone who's started their career says I want to compete in the U.S. Open. And no matter what scores, U.S. Open is the U.S. Open. It's grand. You can see by last week what an exciting finish, but yeah, you know, I think it's going to be an exciting finish for us and hopefully it will be a good week for me. Fingers crossed.

Q What kind of game does it take to win there?

LYDIA KO: I think your A game. I mean, any tournament, to win you need to hit the ball very well. You need to be (inaudible). At a major where scores -- it's not going to be 8-under par every day that's going to win. So you just need to have your game plan and it's going to be probably a long week so energy level is definitely a thing to work on.

Q You got to play Lancaster before, didn't you?

LYDIA KO: Yes.

Q What did you take away from that, what did you think of it?

LYDIA KO: Very undulating greens so, yeah, you kind of have to be below the hole and maybe on the right side of the green.

Q Is it putter's track, what stands out there about that you need to do well?

LYDIA KO: You need to hit the fairways because it looks like some sticky rough. When you're in the rough it might be hard to even go for the green in two. You know, just you've got to be pretty accurate with everything. Michelle did that last year.

Q Do you remember what you shot or was it just kind of a practice round?

LYDIA KO: No, I hit a couple balls and it was my first time around, so I tried to find my way around the course. But I didn't even tee off from the distance (inaudible) so I'm not even sure what I shot.

Q Do you know when the first time you ever watched the U.S. Open was?

LYDIA KO: Probably when Se Ri --

Q Se Ri won?

LYDIA KO: Yeah, it was probably it. And then it was so cool, you know, going because I played my first U.S. Open and it was like, man, that was pretty amazing especially on the 18th hole.

Q Right, perfect. Thank you.