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AN INTERVIEW WITH JIN YOUNG PAK

ASHLEY CUSHMAN: Hello. Thanks for coming in here. You are in second place. You are 6-under for 36 holes. Do you want to talk about your round and how it feels?

JIN YOUNG PAK: Today my shot was really good. I hit 16 green today, but I know I play good, but I had a couple of bad putts, and I really enjoyed it today, and it's exciting.

ASHLEY CUSHMAN: You are up on the leaderboard with Se Ri Pak. You are Jin Young Pak. What do you make of that?

JIN YOUNG PAK: Actually, it's more exciting that I'm second. She is from Korea, and I am from Korea too. We are both from Korea. When she come to Korea for playing in tournament, I always watch her and follow her. "Oh, I want to play with her." Tomorrow I play with her. It's like dreams come true.

ASHLEY CUSHMAN: That's great. I got your scorecard out there. So I'm going to go over that really quick. Let me know if there are any errors in it.

On your birdie on 10, your first hole of the day, pitching wedge for 120 yards, to 10 feet.

JIN YOUNG PAK: Right.

ASHLEY CUSHMAN: You made the putt. Your birdie on the first hole, you used a 9-iron from 128 yards, to 25 feet, and you made that putt.

JIN YOUNG PAK: Yes, I made it.

ASHLEY CUSHMAN: Okay. Your birdie on hole 7, pitching wedge from 109 yards, to 10 feet.

JIN YOUNG PAK: Yes.

ASHLEY CUSHMAN: And the bogie on hole 8, you hit it left a little bit, short of the bunker, chipped to 8 feet and then 2-putt.

JIN YOUNG PAK: Right.

ASHLEY CUSHMAN: Okay. Sounds good.

Questions for Jin Young? Speak up really loud.

Q. Do you expect that you'll be a little nervous playing with Se Ri tomorrow, given that you watched her and really looked up to her?

JIN YOUNG PAK: I got that question at the green, too. It's nervous. Of course it's nervous because she is my hero. I just try to learn from her, like how she plays good, and then maybe she don't know me very well because I was not very good player, but I hope she know me tomorrow and we are going to be good friends.

Q. How far away are you from her hometown and your hometown? How far apart were you in miles or kilometers?

JIN YOUNG PAK: It's far. Four hours. Korea is small and four hours is really far.

Q. How is your back holding up? I know you said that was giving you problems for two months.

JIN YOUNG PAK: Actually, I have back problem last year, too, so I couldn't practice for five months and then I play tournament. It was not bad, but today, it's kind of well again.

Another time I play really good and I shot good. I don't know why I have injury. I was really sad, frustrated. Now I would say I don't worry about that because I know it's not perfect, so I try stretching every day and work out and then practice a little bit.

Q. Is it okay now, though?

JIN YOUNG PAK: No, it's not perfect. Like it's not pain, but it's like kind of tight.

ASHLEY CUSHMAN: Jin Young, something else, this was just your 7th complete round on the LPGA Tour. How does it feel to be shooting back-to-back rounds in the 60s?

JIN YOUNG PAK: Actually, I have played seven tournaments, but I have four tournaments to go, and then two tournaments and I couldn't make Monday's qualifier. This is my second tournament. I really don't know I can play like this. I'm really happy, and actually I cannot still believe it.

Q. Yesterday, you said that you felt like you were lucky because you got away with some bad shots to make good recoveries and your score was lower than today. How does that translate? Seems like if you would have shot well, you would have scored lower. Were you just luckier yesterday, or what?

JIN YOUNG PAK: Yesterday was a couple lucky and good bounces, and I don't know. I think I shot good yesterday, too. My putting was really good yesterday, but today, my shot was better than yesterday, but my putt was bad. I missed a lot of birdie putts today.

ASHLEY CUSHMAN: Other questions? All right, thank you, Jin Young.

JIN YOUNG PAK: Thank you very much, guys.

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