

**Samsung World Championship
Torrey Pines South Course
San Diego, CA**

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Pre-round quotes

AN INTERVIEW WITH JIYAI SHIN

KIM BERARD: Welcome, Jiyai. You are coming off a big win last week. A very exciting playoff with a couple of your fellow players. And Jiyai visited me last week in the media center and saw the trophy for the week and she ran up to it and said, I'll be back for you on Sunday, and she was. So it's your third win this season. Third as an LPGA member. But you have had 6 overall on the tour since last year. That's pretty impressive.

And Jiyai is also the leader in the Rolex Rookie-of-the-Year race and Player of the Year race. The last person to do that was Nancy Lopez in 1978. You're having an amazing year. I'm very happy to have you. Talk about how you have been doing this year, looking forward to the rest of the year?

JIYAI SHIN: Hello everyone. Thanks for coming in here. Well, the beginning of the season my goal was Rookie-of-the-Year. But now I have chance for the Player of the Year and the money too. So I'm really excited because I'm rookie this year. I really surprised myself last week. One of my goal is I want to enjoy the LPGA Tour. I do. I want to keep enjoying that.

KIM BERARD: How are you liking the course this week?

JIYAI SHIN: It's very tough for me because my driver is 247 yards. I'm 91 on the LPGA Tour. Some holes is 450 yards, so I hit driver, 3-wood, and I couldn't get to the greens. It was a couple of holes. But last week I had a good feeling in my approach and short game and putting too. I still carry from the last weeks feeling. I have confidence.

Q. "Question in Korean."

JIYAI SHIN: The last couple of months I lost my focus. My play was up and down. Last week Monday, my fan letter, my fans say, I respect you, and I really like them. I'm thinking what am I do right now. Last week I find my strong mind. Last week I won, too. I think I am really happy with my fans. So I really thank you for my fans.

KIM BERNARD: You have a lot, as we all know, not just fans in Korea, but you have a lot of new fans now. It's very exciting to see them all out cheering for you.

JIYAI SHIN: Especially I played this morning in the Pro-Am, but many galleries say to me congratulations last week. I'm really surprised everybody know that I won.

KIM BERARD: Your name is out there.

Q. You're obviously very accomplished in Japan already. Are you surprised how quickly you've accomplished things here on the LPGA Tour with the 6 wins? Are you surprised how quickly you've come to the top?

JIYAI SHIN: I'm really surprised. I told you my goal is Rookie-of-the-Year and just one time win. But I've already three times won. So I'm really surprised. And I play this week too Samsung World Championship because this tournament only 20 top players play here. So I think I have glory to play this week.

KIM BERARD: Any other questions?

Q. What's your feeling about that there are so many Korean players to the Tour now, so many Asian players, what's your feeling about how that affects The Tour and people's view of the LPGA Tour?

THE INTERPRETER: As you all know that Seri sort of paved the way for all of the Korean players to play on the LPGA, and this is an ultimate stage of dream for the Korean golfers growing up. I think that's why so many people come to the LPGA and challenge LPGA players, and I think that's why they've been very successful. As you know, we know that there is a lot of Asian players winning on the LPGA Tour. But LPGA, to me, is a global tour, and I don't think it really makes too much difference whether a player from Asia wins or anywhere else, as long as stands and galleries can enjoy the highest level of golf, I think that's enough for everyone.

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