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Torrey Pines South Course
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Final-round leader quotes

AN INTERVIEW WITH NA YEON CHOI

MIKE SCANLAN: Congratulations you're the 2009 Samsung World Championship winner, and you are also a Rolex first time winner on Tour. If you would just tell us about that last putt, that 4 foot putt, what was going through your head?

NA YEON CHOI: Thanks for coming. And that putt was I feel like I can't say, I was really nervous and I feel I just turned pro now. I was really nervous.

MIKE SCANLAN: Just talk about how exciting it is to get your first victory.

THE INTERPRETER: I can't believe I just won the first tournament. Throughout the second half of the tournament today I thought I was going to lose it again and it was easy, but now I look back at it. It was a lot easy, but it was really difficult when I was doing it and I just don't know. I can't think of words to describe how I feel right now.

MIKE SCANLAN: Questions?

Q. Did you know that you could win with a birdie before you hit your second shot on 18 or did you think you were behind on one?

NA YEON CHOI: Before when I hit a second shot I thought I needed to have to make birdie. I knew that.

Q. If you had known you could go to a playoff with a par would you have played differently?

THE INTERPRETER: No, it wouldn't have made any changes. I would have played just as aggressively as I have.

Q. You have been working on the mental part of your game, and I am wondering how that helped you today, particularly at 18?

THE INTERPRETER: Today mentally I felt like I was very weak mentally speaking. In the latter half of the tournament, the round today, I kept telling myself, talking to myself to be positive and try to be positive about everything.

Q. When you missed that short putt on 9 did you start to panic or get nervous, what were your thoughts after that?

NA YEON CHOI: I think I was nervous at times starting on No. 9 after I missed the putt. And No. 10 I got 2 bogey, No. 10 and No. 11. Yes, I was nervous.

Q. Were you watching the scoreboard today from the time you built the early lead, did that change your approach at all or did you keep to yourself and play your game without watching the scoreboard?

THE INTERPRETER: In the beginning yes, I did look at the scoreboard every chance I get because I knew I was up a pretty good score. But after the bogey on 11, I stopped watching until the end. I haven't looked at it since.

NA YEON CHOI: I asked the caddy, I didn't know the winning score.

Q. What was your yardage on your second shot into 18 with your rescue club?

NA YEON CHOI: To the pin 193 yard.

Q. And when you hit it it looked like you were unhappy with the shot? Where did you think the shot was going to be?

NA YEON CHOI: It was not solid, so I thought really short, but it's okay.

Q. Did you have any worry about it being in the water?

NA YEON CHOI: Yes. Yes.

Q. You thought it might be?

THE INTERPRETER: I know I missed it and I thought I hit it to the right but I didn't really think it went into the water.

Q. I saw you talking to Jiyai Shin on the back 9, what were you talking about, what did she tell you?

THE INTERPRETER: Yes, I think Jiyai had helped me a lot today. She was asking me why, why was I so nervous today? And I think having conversations with her helped me a lot today.

Q. (Question in Korean.)

NA YEON CHOI: Jiyai told me Ai's shot was in the hazard on 18. She saw it.

Q. Were you surprised about the little beer bath after you won, what did that mean to you?

THE INTERPRETER: I'm just happy that my friends were congratulating me.

Q. It looked like an official asked you to speed up play on the 15th tee, did that effect your play at all, or did it have any bearing at all on the course?

THE INTERPRETER: Yes, they did come and told me to speed up but that didn't affect my play at all.

Q. Was there any point that you lost the lead, or that you were giving up the strokes where you felt you lost the tournament, you were just throwing it away; did that every occur to you?

THE INTERPRETER: I didn't know I lost the lead until my putt on 17. So I saw that I was losing after the putt on 17, and until then I didn't know, and I thought I was still leading. I knew I wasn't playing well but I thought I was still leading.

Q. After your eagle on the front 9 and you got the big 7 stroke lead did you feel you changed the way you were playing, perhaps less aggressively?

THE INTERPRETER: No, nothing like that. After the bogey on 9, I told myself it's okay. But after the bogey on 10 and 11, I was a little bit the shaken up.

MIKE SCANLAN: Thank you so much.

THE INTERPRETER: Thank you.

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