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AN INTERVIEW WITH YOUNG-A YANG

THE MODERATOR: Lets get your scorecard out of the way

YOUNG-A YANG: Yes.

THE MODERATOR: Let's talk about that. A birdie on three.

YOUNG-A YANG: I had a driver and a 3-wood and I think I had about a 25-yard chip shot to about three or four foot for birdie.

THE MODERATOR: Eagle at 8 there.

YOUNG-A YANG: Yes, I had like 76 to the pin, 74 actually. There was a little breeze, and I was in a little bit of a downhill lie. I was going to hit my lob wedge and I felt it was going to stick too much, so I hit a nice three quarter, 54 and back spun. I had the first eagle, and I made and I was so excited.

THE MODERATOR: Then bogeyed 9.

YOUNG-A YANG: Yes. I hit it in the water again. I made a bogey so I felt like I saved a couple of shots, because yesterday I tripled.

And No. 10 I made a par. Do you want me to go over No. 9?

THE MODERATOR: 9, what did you do after that.

YOUNG-A YANG: I hit a 5-iron and I got it in the bunker, and I hit a great bunker shot. I tapped it in for bogey.

Double 12. I know I got away with a lot of bad shots this week. Actually the second shot I thought I hit it great. It was a couple of steps short of the pin maybe, 5 yards to the right, and back spun off the green. I didn't have a very good chip shot. I didn't putt very well. It broke quite a bit.

THE MODERATOR: How far was your chip, do you think.

YOUNG-A YANG: Maybe 15 yards, 20 yards. It was just a severe uphill. The speed, how the ball was going to go up the hill, and when I released it, I didn't hit it very well.

THE MODERATOR: Your first putt was how far.

YOUNG-A YANG: My first putt I had just about 12 to 14, 13, down there, left to right. I did play left-to-right quite a bit. But it wasn't good enough. And then I had about a five-footer coming back and both my caddy and I am excited.

THE MODERATOR: What club did you hit in.

YOUNG-A YANG: I hit an 8-iron.

The next hole we just didn't hit the club well. It was downwind. It was still -- I guess after No. 12, backing up so much, I didn't trust myself to hit a 9-iron. I hit an 8-iron and I thought I hit it great. Seeing my ball go over the green.

THE MODERATOR: Did you chip?

YOUNG-A YANG: I chipped and then I think if it was a foot longer it would have been perfect. It was a little short, downhill, maybe a 16, 17-footer.

Q. 2-putt from there?

YOUNG-A YANG: Yes.

Q. You birdied 18 and finished good?

YOUNG-A YANG: Yes, I hit a good 3-wood, the second shot. I was in the rough, and I thought I hit a pretty good club shot, and then a little right-to-left putt about five feet.

THE MODERATOR: Six feet?

YOUNG-A YANG: No five feet.

THE MODERATOR: You still had a tough day out there, but you are still in striking distance for tomorrow.

YOUNG-A YANG: I can't complain too much about that. I thought today I struggled a little bit more than I have been the last couple of days just because I made a couple of bogeys and then one double. But I cannot complain, you know, I think I'm in great position. I know I have 3, 4 shots to catch up, but I'm in great position right now.

THE MODERATOR: Questions?

Q. What is it about that 9th hole that you had some much trouble with?

YOUNG-A YANG: I don't know what it is. I think I naturally hit a fade and then that hole always has a little left-to-right wind. So maybe that's just conscious. I keep thinking, my ball is going to go into the water, you know. And I thought actually like after yesterday I didn't even think about it, you know. And today instead of being aggressive, that hole with my driver, I was trying to ease off. I was trying to hit so easy and then I opened it up way right. So then I try to visualize that shot.

Q. Will that affect your club selection for tomorrow?

YOUNG-A YANG: I don't know. We will see what happens. If it gets really windy I might have to hit a driver. If I feel really uncomfortable, I might hit a 3-wood. Yesterday, I just didn't have any -- I didn't have any chance to make up. Today I had a great feeling, I know Sherri sole my honor, but I didn't want it to bother her. She felt so sorry.

Hopefully, I can get away with a little bit more tomorrow on the left side.

Q. Can you just talk about the emotions of the eagle and then the bogey and then the double bogey followed by the bogey, on back-to-back holes?

YOUNG-A YANG: After eagle I felt great because I never eagled. It's been a while since I holed a shot.

Then after No. 9 I didn't feel so bad because after yesterday I felt like I made up two shots.

And then going into the back nine I felt pretty good, and I thought I hit a great shot on No. 12 and I just got unlucky. And she shot very well. But I'm still in great position, and I'm looking forward to tomorrow.

Q. Talking about being in great position, do you feel like the way things went for, you know, you and Grace and the leaders, pretty much anything can happen tomorrow in terms of how the course is playing?

YOUNG-A YANG: Yes, anybody can shoot low here. If your putting is working, in just the right places. I'm not going to think about it. I'm having a great tournament. This event is going to help me a lot with my confidence, you know, just to see where I belong. I'm just going to see, do my best, and hopefully finish top-5, and see what happens tomorrow.

THE MODERATOR: Thank you.

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