

**Samsung World Championship
Half Moon Bay Golf Links
Half Moon Bay, CA**

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Pre-round quotes

AN INTERVIEW WITH YANI TSENG

MIKE SCANLAN: Yani, thank you for coming in. Right now you are the leader in the Rookie-of-the-Year race. And you had another nice finish last week in Alabama. If you would, just talk about being here at Samsung in this 20 person event.

YANI TSENG: Yes, I'm very excited to be here because it's my first time, and only 20 players, so I feel very proud I can be here playing with the best players in the world.

MIKE SCANLAN: Are you excited about the possibility of maybe winning the Rookie-of-the-Year, and do you think about that every event?

YANI TSENG: Yes, that's my goal. I was thinking about I want to be Rookie-of-the-Year, so I'm leading now, but still have lots of tournaments to go. I still need to work hard.

MIKE SCANLAN: Any questions?

Q. Yani, you seem remarkably comfortable in your first year on the LPGA Tour, did it take you a while to get in the rhythm of the Tour? It doesn't seem like it. It seems like you hit the ground running here?

YANI TSENG: This year my first event LPGA was in Hawaii, so I kind of feel relaxed and very exciting. But after I tee off on the first tee I feel like oh, I'm at LPGA Tour. I feel relaxed and hanging around with my friends. Everybody was very friendly, so I don't feel lots of pressure in here.

Q. Yani, talk about the course, what do you think about the course at Half Moon Bay and have you had a chance to explore the community of Half Moon Bay?

YANI TSENG: This is a great course. It's a good view every hole. I tell some of my friends after this week I got to broke my wrist because the rough was so long, and the fairway is not really wide. So I practice my driver a lot and just keep on the fairway and green. That's it. I don't want to be too much aggressive. This is a very good course to be -- I think it's a very tough week. I saw the pin position for tomorrow, the corner is very tough.

MIKE SCANLAN: What do you think about the town, the area here, do you like Half Moon Bay?

YANI TSENG: Yes I love it here, so I hope can I be back. I have lots of friends coming out here. I'm very happy to be here.

Q. Do you think the course favors long hitters or accuracy, obviously 5 par-5s, and as you said, the rough is pretty thick?

YANI TSENG: Yes, I think you have to be very consistent. It doesn't matter how long you hit because the rough is really long. Actually, the 4 par-5s, I can reach, but you still have to be very patient and be consistent.

Q. I'm curious also what you learned walking around at the U.S. Open. I saw you down at Torrey Pines following Tiger one day. What was that like for you? I think it was right after you won the LPGA?

YANI TSENG: Yes, more people recognize me. Hey, there is Yani. I'm very happy. Some people know me, I'm here. It's very good experience for me. But I am kind of a little bit nervous to walk too close to Tiger. So I am just far away, close to a rope. I don't want to get too close, I was too nervous.

Q. Did you ever meet him?

YANI TSENG: No. I met Adam Scott and Phil but I didn't meet Tiger.

Q. Talk a little bit about the emotions of that day of winning the LPGA championship. I read that you weren't terribly nervous going into the day. What did that mean to you to be in your first year on Tour and to win a Major like that?

YANI TSENG: Yes, I made a lot of second place. I think that's very important for me. I know I win a Major. I know I still can do it. It's not just beyond the top. I just feel like I can do. Every time I've been in a good position, I assume I can do it. So that's very good, very good experience for me.

MIKE SCANLAN: Anything else?

Q. If you think back as to what kind of player you were at the start of the year, in what ways are you better now than you were the then?

YANI TSENG: I think I improve a lot with my mental. The first couple of tournaments I feel like every time I want to go

aggressive. But now I kind of play smart. Like last week I have no bogey, three in a row, so I feel like I play smart and improve my mental, like with the people.

Q. Yani, Lorena was in here a little bit earlier, she mentioned that you two sort of have a friendly rivalry in terms of you bet each other \$50 for a birdie and whoever has the best score and things like that, how much does it help having the No. 1 player, being on friendly terms with the No. 1 player? Does that just help your comfort level out here?

YANI TSENG: Yes, I feel like I'm very happy to be with a bet with Lorena. Like last tournament we had two rounds together. I tell myself this is very important part. Like I want to beat her. Sometimes \$100 feel like more than \$1,000. I just feel like, I want to beat her. And every time I make a par I just watch her and smile. I just do like this (indicating) to her. She is laughing. We are good friends, and we are going to bet until maybe we both retire. I tell her the last round she had a playoff for the two holes, I say you shot 78 today, so I win the bet.

MIKE SCANLAN: Yani, thank you so much.

YANI TSENG: Thanks.

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