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### Press Conference

**Q. So you've had two extra-hole matches so far. Talk a little bit about your match play experience this week.**

VANESSA BOROVILOS: Yeah, I think one of the main things here this week in match play is just kind of outlasting your opponent. It's a long week. Hot weather. Greens can get tricky.

So we were kind of just going back and forth today, and I just stayed patient out there. Tried to hit some good shots.

Finally one fell on the first playoff hole.

**Q. Have you played a lot of match play events?**

VANESSA BOROVILOS: I have played a couple in the past, but it's one of my favorite events to play. If you mess up on one hole it's just one hole lost and you can be aggressive on some other shots.

So it's definitely a fun experience.

**Q. And were you feeling pressure in those extra-hole matches?**

VANESSA BOROVILOS: I definitely was because essentially it's like life or death, or sudden death.

Sorry, what was the question?

**Q. Just if you were feeling pressure. I was going to say if you were feeling pressure, what do you do to manage?**

VANESSA BOROVILOS: There is no doubt there is pressure out there. I think one of the things that's very important for me is trying to stay grounded. One way I do this is I try to like feel my feet on the ground.

I got this from Justin Thomas when I played in one of his events. But trying to feel your feet on the ground, stay present, because it's very easy to jump ahead of yourself



and think about what this putt could mean or where the match could go.

So feeling my feet definitely helped me on the playoff holes.

**Q. And you do that any time you're feeling pressure?**

VANESSA BOROVILOS: I try to. Doesn't always work. Definitely gets me focused on more important things.

**Q. Yeah.**

VANESSA BOROVILOS: Yeah.

**Q. How has your game felt overall this week?**

VANESSA BOROVILOS: Game is feeling all right. Trying to figure out my swing, where I can swing freely and not have my swing thoughts.

Speed on the greens is relatively good. Just got to pick better lines.

All in all, it's been a fun week so far.

**Q. Yeah. Did you have any expectations coming in?**

VANESSA BOROVILOS: Honestly, no expectations coming in. I think this week, being in LA I just wanted to enjoy myself. Yeah, I want to play well, but it's the experience that's going to be memorable.

We just tried to have fun out here, hang out with my future teammates, and it's been a really fun week.

**Q. How is your confidence feeling right now? Also, compare that level of confidence to maybe how you felt coming into the week.**

VANESSA BOROVILOS: Confidence really hasn't changed since the last few matches. I'm just trying to stick to my game and try to hit good shots.

I think my confidence comes from knowing I'm doing everything I can. I know some shots it's easy to rush on them, but I feel like I've gone through my process pretty well on the last few matches; confidence there is feeling



good.

**Q. And how many Girls Juniors? First? Second?**

VANESSA BOROVILOS: This is my second one, yeah.

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