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Golf Clubs at The Tribute

## So Yeon Ryu

### Quick Quotes

SO YEON RYU:

**Q. All right, here with So Yeon Ryu after the first round here in Texas. 2-under par score. What's with the high scores today up there on the leaderboard?**

SO YEON RYU: Well, it was really windy this morning, and then I guess wind is going to dropping down a little bit.

But for example, like that hole No. 2, my drive distance just recorded as 186 yards, that's how strong winds were.

But I think just my tee shot was pretty great to manage everything really well, so I'm happy with the 2-under par today.

**Q. How do you sort of manage the wind? What's the strategy to doing that?**

SO YEON RYU: Well, try not to against the wind, just try it use the wind. You know, like sometimes when wind is really, really strong, like the certain hole could be playing as really difficult hole, and I just got to accept, okay, it'll be really nice to par, but even though making bogey is still okay because so windy out there.

So I think I was just bit more forgiveness to myself.

**Q. How important are those pars? How important is making a par out here with those tricky conditions?**

SO YEON RYU: Well, it's really about the mental. You know, like once you start to struggle and then once you start to have really strong wind, if it's combination of both it's really hard to get out of it.

So I think like having a 2-under par under my belt with this kind of condition really make my feel like proud of myself and then giving my a lot of confidence to play towards the weekend.



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**Q. You've been playing really well these last several weeks. Seen you a bunch. What's the strategy to remain so consistent on all these different courses in all these different conditions?**

SO YEON RYU: To be honest, I was not happy with my golf swing for long time, and then sort of starting with the mid-season I started to feel little bit better with the swing.

I guess maybe I was putting too much time on swing instead of practice bit of short game, so these days I really try hard to make a good balance.

I guess since my tee shot just got improve I definitely started to play like better. But like once again, I think putting is one of the key that I sort of just kind of stop the momentum when I have a really good momentum. Because I missed quite a lot of short putt I lose a momentum.

Right now putting is my key to playing well.

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