Dow Championship

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Jin Young Ko Nasa Hataoka

Quick Quotes

THE MODERATOR: All right. Here with Nasa and Jin Young after their third round of the Dow Championship. Talk a little about how you guys played out there today.

NASA HATAOKA: We played good, and we are having fun on the course today.

JIN YOUNG KO: Yeah, I think we could have played like 7- or 8-under today.

It was a little close, but we couldn't make any more in today. Still happy, though.

Q. What have you enjoyed the most about this week playing together?

JIN YOUNG KO: When I'm playing like myself, I haven't talked with other players. But Nasa is -- I'm playing with Nasa as a team, so we talk a lot. It's so much fun.

Q. I know a lot of people were excited to see you two partner up with the most wins out of any team in the field. Why did you guys decide to partner up this year? Or who asked who maybe too?

JIN YOUNG KO: I think Nasa's caddie asked my caddie, and they said me, do you want to play with Nasa? I said, yeah, why not?

Q. That's awesome. Why did you decide your team name and song? Why did you pick those things? Was it one of you that picked?

JIN YOUNG KO: She picked. She picked the song.

NASA HATAOKA: Team name, yeah.

JIN YOUNG KO: Because when we play together, after the round, we always had like sushi omakase with beer or sake. So we always say cheers.



Q. What are the things about each of your games that you really admire or really like about each other's games when you really get the chance to play together like this?

JIN YOUNG KO: She was hitting like straight every shot, and short game was good. Her putting was good, yeah. I'm so happy to play with Nasa.

Q. Nasa, is there anything about Jin Young's game?

NASA HATAOKA: She play really solid, and I have a really great partner.

Q. What are you looking forward to most again tomorrow with it being a four ball format again?

JIN YOUNG KO: We're going to get birdies, nine each (laughter). So we'll see.

NASA HATAOKA: Yeah, stay aggressive.

Q. Is there any side bets going on who can make the most birdies this week or anything like that?

JIN YOUNG KO: No, 50-50.

Q. I like it. Team effort, right? Thank you guys.

NASA HATAOKA: Thank you.

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