## **TOTO Japan Classic**

Friday, November 1, 2024 Omitama, Ibaraki, Japan Taihelyo Club Minori Course

## **Hana Wakimoto**

**Quick Quotes** 

Q. Here with Hana Wakimoto. First, tell us what you thought about the round today.

HANA WAKIMOTO: Actually, compared to yesterday my shot wasn't really consistent, but I could bounce back in the back nine.

So overall, it was great golf.

Q. How much did the change, difference in the weather today to yesterday have an impact on today's game?

HANA WAKIMOTO: Temperature was higher than yesterday actually but it was a little bit humid today so ball didn't fly enough.

But play was all right.

Q. And after two rounds what do you think stands out most about this golf course to you?

HANA WAKIMOTO: So I feel comfortable with my tee shot on this course and I think my game really fits this course.

Q. There are so many fans out here. They've endured the weather. They've been supporting you. What does it mean to see all these fans out here?

HANA WAKIMOTO: Even when I have a nice shot or nice putt they are very supportive and that cheers really motivated me quite a lot.

So I feel really comfortable playing in front of Japanese fans.

Q. And I know this is your first start here. Have you ever played Seta Golf Course?

HANA WAKIMOTO: Actually there was a tournament when I was junior high school or probably elementary school. It was like a national tournament, but it wasn't taking place on this course but the West Course, so I don't



really remember how I play this course, but feeling really good.

Q. Last question: This is your first start on the LPGA Tour. What's it been like? What's your impression of playing with LPGA players?

HANA WAKIMOTO: Last year I played after U.S. Women's Open but I felt like players played, competed very freely and that environment is completely different from the one we have in Japan.

But I love playing this kind of environment.

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