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Yuka Saso

Press Conference

THE MODERATOR: Here with Yuka Saso. You end the day one back of Ruoning Yin. How are you feeling after four days here at Baltusrol.

YUKA SASO: It was an awesome week, just that I was able to come here having more than a week off, and to be playing at KPMG, which they're sponsoring me and I'm very proud of. I was able to play with top golfers throughout the week. I was very happy.

Q. Were you looking at leaderboards at all throughout your day today?

YUKA SASO: A little bit, but not much.

Q. Are you one to leaderboard watch?

YUKA SASO: Well, if I had a chance to, I'd probably look at it, but I was so busy focusing on what I have to do, I was struggling a little bit. If I had a chance I would look.

Q. When you got to 18, what were some of the thoughts and feelings you had going up to those last par-5s?

YUKA SASO: After missing the birdie on 17, I just wished that I wouldn't hit my drive in the water on 18. But glad I didn't. Hit a good shot, and second shot hit it in the left bunker. It was not an easy bunker shot, but it was manageable, and I was able to manage it pretty good.

I think we played good today.

Q. Yesterday you were in here and we talked about some of the struggles that you've gone through in the past year. How after this week and you look at where you finish on the leaderboard, also respecting back on those struggles, what's the first thing that comes to mind?

YUKA SASO: Just keep doing what I've been doing, I guess, and trusting myself, trust the process. Nothing comes easy, and I think all those struggles, I think I will still struggle for the season. I don't know, I hope not. But I'm pretty sure I will. I think I'm ready to face it.

Q. You have the experience of what it is to be in contention for a major and to be able to win a major. Did you get that feeling at different moments today?

YUKA SASO: It was a little different because after nine we had a break for about almost two hours. But just trying to enjoy every moment and just keep doing what I've been doing. I think just let the result come after.

But I think trying to enjoy every moment in a major championship I take very seriously.

Q. Can you talk a little bit about the relief and the satisfaction of seeing that all the work you've put in in the last year --

YUKA SASO: Yeah, I'm happy, but I feel like I still need to work on many stuff, so I'm not really fully satisfied, but I'm happy that I was able to show some of the work that I've been putting in.

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