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Ruoning Yin

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THE MODERATOR: All right, I am very pleased to be joined by three-time winner season be Ronni Yin. Ronni, to have that, three times this season, to follow up what you did last year, how can you put into words what this season has meant to you and some of the highlights?

RUONING YIN: I would say this season is pretty pleasant season, and I had ups and downs. I would say I learn a lot from this season compared to last year, so I'm very grateful.

Q. So you've consistently gotten better and better. What are some goals for next season?

RUONING YIN: For next season, I would say just I wouldn't compare this season with last season to next season because next season is always the new beginnings.

So I would say just focus on my game. I would say just each part of my game I have my specific goals. If I can achieve that, I would say the result won't be bad.

Q. You've had a lot to manage with your body, trying take care of yourself this year. Did you feel like you played any less events dealing with some of the injuries you were fighting?

RUONING YIN: Oh, yeah, because ideally I would say play 20 to 22 events per year is my ideal. This year definitely injury got in the way, so I definitely play a little bit less.

But like I say, I still learn a lot. This season is my third season and I'm still learning how to make better schedule for myself. So I would say, yeah, it's learning process.

Q. I think you told us last year here at the beginning of last season you set that major goal. What goals did you set this season and did you over achieve maybe a little bit with those three victories?



RUONING YIN: Yes, for this season I had top 10 for myself, which didn't achieve. But I got three wins which my goal is, too. So I achieved that.

I would say I wanted to be more consistent, uh-huh.

Q. Coming into this week being how do you feel with that goal, being consistent, winning twice in three starts in Asia?

RUONING YIN: I had two weeks off after Malaysia, and I know two weeks is not too long, but I still feel a little rusty last week.

I mean, I think I got my game back last Sunday, so I'm really excited for this week.

Q. When did the wrist injury become fully healed?

RUONING YIN: Korea week is my first week without taping my wrist. I would say around that time.

Q. Is there anything you've done to curtail your practice a little bit? Do you hit fewer balls? Anything that you do to safeguard it?

RUONING YIN: I got injured Mizuho week and took two weeks off, then U.S. Open. I didn't hit any balls during that time. Definitely hitting less, practicing less, more on my putting. Not even chipping, only putting. Definitely less range sessions.

Q. What was the official diagnosis of the wrist? Was it a sprain?

RUONING YIN: No. Just I had a little bruising bones like here. The doctor said it's going to take eight to ten weeks to get it fully recovered. Because I keep hitting balls and keep playing tournaments, so it takes a little bit longer.

Q. Just a quick question on Nelly. What impresses you the most about her year this year?

RUONING YIN: I mean, her season is very I would say inspirational. I love watching her do her thing. It's just make me want to get better and better. Really impressed to see her, like witness her season, witness her success. It's really cool.

... when all is said, we're done.

Q. Have you thought about what a \$4 million win would mean?

RUONING YIN: Well, I never thought about this question before this week, and I really appreciate CME Group put a lot of efforts in in women's golf. Four mil is the biggest purse in women's golf history I would say.

So it's a good start for women's golf I would say.

Q. Last week slow play popped up. Do you think that's an issue on the LPGA?

RUONING YIN: Last week it's pretty rough. The condition is tough. Yes, it was a little bit slow. I saw Charley's interview as well. That was pretty ruthless.

I mean, all I can do is like do my best to keep the pace up. I think I'm doing good, so all I can control is myself.

Q. Considering Charley's answer, would you have a solution yourself?

RUONING YIN: Well, I don't know. I think Charley is better than me on this one. (Smiling.)

Q. My 16 year old nephew is trying to break 80 for the first time. What's one tip you would give him?

RUONING YIN: Break 80? Practice your short game and putting, because you that's what you spend most of the time on the golf course. Let's say 62 stroke course. You probably going to spend half on putting.

If you want to break 80, I would say spend time on your putting.

Q. You got to win your fourth tournament in Shanghai. Now that we're a few weeks removed from that, have you got to really reflect on how special it was to win in not only your home country, but your home city?

RUONING YIN: That week, I think I will remember that week for the rest of my life. It's really special. I got all my friends come out and all my family come out to watch me play, and to be able to put on a show on the weekend makes it even more special.

That Buick trophy, has its own shelf, too, its own spot in my house. It's really special.

Q. I was there with you when you won. To see all the fans come out and support you, what does that mean at still such a young age and young in your career,

too?

RUONING YIN: I just saw a lot of fans, a lot of young junior golfer and kids.

I think I just really wanted to inspire them. When I see the kids come out to watch, they inspire me, too, so I really hope my performance would inspire them, too.

THE MODERATOR: Thank you so much, Ronni.

RUONING YIN: Thank you.

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