

LOTTE Championship presented by Hoakalei

Saturday, April 16, 2022

Ewa Beach, Oahu, Hawaii, USA

Hoakalei Country Club

Hinako Shibuno

Press Conference

Q. That was a battle between you and Hyo Joo pretty much all day. What was it like out there just really playing almost match play with Hyo Joo?

HINAKO SHIBUNO: I was having very fun playing with her. My putting was a little, you know, couldn't go in, so that was the different with her.

Q. First time seeing rain this week. Just little sprinkles, but did that change the golf course at all?

HINAKO SHIBUNO: Not really. Suddenly raining and suddenly sunny and just wind comes from different direction so is just --

Q. Hard to hold the umbrella?

HINAKO SHIBUNO: Yeah.

Q. Got you. You're so close to your first win. Do you feel it there? Do you think it's close? How soon do you think you can get that?

HINAKO SHIBUNO: Not yet.

Q. Not yet. You don't think you're ready yet?

HINAKO SHIBUNO: I can do more. Yeah, I have to improve more.

Q. What do you think you need to improve? What are you going to focus on?

HINAKO SHIBUNO: Putting.

Q. All right. So lots of putting practice for you then?

HINAKO SHIBUNO: And the reading greens.

Q. How do you practice reading greens?



HINAKO SHIBUNO: Taking more long time reading the green.

Q. Being patient?

HINAKO SHIBUNO: Yeah, being patient.

Q. There were a lot of Japanese fans and people here. Did it make it feel more comfortable here maybe?

HINAKO SHIBUNO: Well, I was very happy about all the Japanese fans, but little more fans for Hyo Joo from Korea or like Koreans who live here.

Q. Well, you're an LPGA rookie, many events in. How do you feel? Are you proud of how you're playing? I know you talked about putting, but what can you improve on? What do you hope to improve on throughout your rookie year?

HINAKO SHIBUNO: Well, my goal was to get the card -- not the card, the seed, but now just want to win maybe once. Yep.

FastScripts by ASAP Sports