

T-Mobile Match Play presented by MGM Rewards

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Shadow Creek

Yealimi Noh

Quick Quotes

Q. Okay, joined by Yealimi Noh after her first round at the T-Mobile Match Play presented by MGM Rewards.

Very good 5&4 victory. Take us through it. First match play victory here. What was working so well for you?

YEALIMI NOH: Yeah, played really solid today. Just made one bogey I think on hole 3. Just kept it really solid. Missed few greens but got up and down and my putting was working really well today.

Q. Notoriously Shadow Creek is a pretty difficult course. Then with the conditions out there, how were you able to combat those and play the way you did?

YEALIMI NOH: Yeah, it was really windy today. I thought it was going to be better today than yesterday. It was cold, windy. Just played with it. It's hard for everyone, my competitor, too.

So just tried to keep in the fairways. Even though it was windy the ball was still rolling because of how incredibly pure this golf course is.

Q. Been a couple weeks now since we've gotten to talk to you after your win at Founders. Has it really set in yet you're an LPGA Tour winner, and what has that done for your confidence so far this season?

YEALIMI NOH: Yeah, for sure. It's really boosted my confidence. I feel like a different player. Just more, I don't know, just confident and calm and really sure of my shots. If I do make a mistake, knowing I'll be able to recover and make up for it.

Q. You had some pretty good results last year as well; no win. What do you think has changed in your game other than confidence? What's clicked?

YEALIMI NOH: My ball striking has definitely come back. It was always the strongest part of my game, and just was kind of struggling with it over the last few years. Just



seeing my coach a lot more often last year and in the offseason, it really started coming around.

Q. With so many American women retiring, Lexi and Ally and Brittany, do you feel like it's time for players like yourself to step up and take the mantle of American golf?

YEALIMI NOH: Yeah, I mean, I feel like whichever -- whoever is retiring, anyone new coming on Tour as well, I think it's just always a good time for American golfers to be playing well.

So I think it is -- I mean, women's golf is in such a good direction right now. I think it's even better that American golfers are starting to play better and more are coming out.

Q. Do you feel kind of a responsibility like you need to be a Solheim player now?

YEALIMI NOH: I want to be a Solheim player, yeah, for sure. My last one a couple years ago was one of the best experiences of my life. I really hope to make it next year and represent my country.

Q. You never trailed in your victory today. How much are you watching your opponent as you're going through the match and as you continued to win holes? Can you talk about that momentum shift, too?

YEALIMI NOH: Yeah, for sure. It's been a while since I played match play, too. It's like two or three years since I played this event. I was really excited to come back and play.

The first couple holes it's always a little slow when you're tying holes. I think once I got into the rhythm of it and won a couple holes, was 2-up through 9 and then just played really solid the first couple holes on the back. Just making sure I don't make any mistakes and have my room for her to go up on me.

Q. Can you talk about the momentum shift, too? You continued to win holes. What you were feeling, too? If you're counting how many holes you have left or



anything like that.

YEALIMI NOH: No, actually on the last hole I thought we had one more hole left. I wasn't aware of how many holes we had left. I was like, just keep going and don't make any mistakes.

Yeah, once I par'd that par-3, the 13th hole I think, that's when I was like, okay, this is good and just got to keep it strong. (Smiling.)

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