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Jennifer Kupcho

Lindy Duncan

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THE MODERATOR: We just wrapped up our Saturday sessions. I will open it up to Lindy, Jennifer, and Yealimi just to give opening comments and then if anyone has a question, please raise your hand and a microphone will be brought to you.

Jen, if you would like to take honors first.

JENNIFER KUPCHO: Where to start? That was amazing. I think we had an amazing afternoon to kind of take the crowd down a little bit, down a level. They were getting a little bit rowdy out there, so, yeah, to silence them a little bit. I think me and Lindy played a really great match and really brought the momentum to the team. I think everybody's super excited to get out there tomorrow and I think we're going to take our momentum with us.

THE MODERATOR: Lindy, would you like to add?

LINDY DUNCAN: Yeah, playing in the afternoon today with Jen was one of the best times of my life on the course, for sure. It was such a tough match playing against Carlota and Celine, and somebody said Carlota made eight birdies. So it felt like we were up against a lot. And the crowds were really loud. It was really cool to see some red on the board this afternoon, and to tie it up with Jen's last two putts feels really cool.

THE MODERATOR: Yealimi?

YEALIMI NOH: Yeah, playing with Andrea this afternoon was also one of the best times on the golf course for me. We had such a great time. I had a good front nine and we really got the ball rolling. And Andrea had some clutch birdies on the back nine as well. So that was really cool to just ham-and-egg it with her today.

THE MODERATOR: All right, we'll open it up now for

questions.

Q. Jennifer, can you try to describe for us what it felt like on the inside after you made that putt?

JENNIFER KUPCHO: Which one? (Laughing.)

Q. The 90-footer.

JENNIFER KUPCHO: Yeah, I mean, honestly, going into it I had zero expectations. I really hardly even read it. I kind of just walked up to the green. I was like, you know what? I hit these long putts in practice rounds all the time. I'm just going to get up there and hit it and we'll see if it goes in, try and get it there, get the speed right. Yeah, to see it go in, I think the coolest thing is having pretty much the entire team directly behind me and then, obviously, everyone in the fairway, but everybody screaming. It was insane. I mean, I don't know how to explain what I felt inside, but pure excitement and joy.

Q. You've had some big moments in your career, winning on big stages, but how does it feel different to be surrounded by so many people to share it with?

JENNIFER KUPCHO: Yeah, I mean, representing your country as well as having the team behind you, you're playing for something bigger than yourself. Compared to those moments that I've had in the past, this is something I get to share with some of my best friends for this week. Out here on tour we're all in it together and we're all working for one thing and that's to do our best and showcase women's golf.

Q. Yealimi, what does it feel like in the zone with your putter?

YEALIMI NOH: It felt really nice. The last couple holes on the front it just felt like everything could go in if I just gave it a chance. It was just awesome to see them go in. I don't know, yeah, it was a new putter too, so I'm definitely keeping it.

Q. Jennifer, I think most people, even clowns like us, have sort of dreamed of holing an amazing putt, but

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what's the actual reality of doing it? What's the difference between the reality and the dream?

JENNIFER KUPCHO: I don't know, I guess they're very similar, but I think just seeing it go in, having everybody yell, you almost get too hyped for the moment. Walking to the tee we were trying to just calm down. We were, like, trying to -- I was thinking about telling the team like, Okay, we need to settle down. But, yeah, I think you just get almost too hyped for moment in golf when you make something like that. You just kind of have to step back and be like, okay, here, we got to just take on to the next shot.

Q. Before that, I was going to say, at what point between hitting the ball and it going in the hole did you genuinely think this might be going in?

JENNIFER KUPCHO: I try not to, like, think too much about it. When it hit the pin, I got a little worried. I was like, oh, no. But, yeah, I think a couple feet out it looked on a really, really good line. I kind of read that part walking up to the green, that it was going to go a little to the right at the end, so I knew it was on a good line and I just hoped that it would actually take it.

Q. I suppose it's quite a long walk to 18. Did that play into your advantage in bringing the heart rate down?

JENNIFER KUPCHO: Yeah, it definitely helped, for sure.

Q. Did you feel completely -- heart rate controlled by the time you got to the 18th tee?

JENNIFER KUPCHO: Yeah, I think both Lindy and I, we kind of talked to each other. We both kind of share the same mental coach, so we know what he would say and what he would do. So we were able to just share that and talk back and forth and really just kind of chill out and get our bearings to where we could be in the moment and hit the next shot.

Q. Yealimi, you would have been in the scrum sort of watching it with your teammates. Was there chatter amongst you that the comeback was still on on 17 for this pair?

YEALIMI NOH: Yeah, when we were -- when I was done with my match, we were in the team room and we were watching you guys tee off on 17. We were like, Where is Jen? Where is that? And then we got to the green right as she putted, and we were far away, but we were just like, wait a second, that looks good and just went crazy, absolutely crazy when she made the putt. And then to be able to calm down and even hit the fairway on 18 was incredible. Then we watched her second shot and we

didn't know where it was -- where it finished, and then to top it off with making another incredible putt, that was just insane.

Q. You mentioned your mental coach. Like, for both -- well, for all of you, but obviously huge day today, huge momentum. What would he say or do you have any experience dealing with, like, coming off this huge high and then obviously tomorrow's a huge day as well?

JENNIFER KUPCHO: Yeah, I mean, I think by the end of tonight, I mean, I've played 18 -- or 36 holes, so I'm exhausted. I'm going to pass out. I don't think that's going to be any issue at all. But I think just going into tomorrow and, yeah, we're tied and we can go out there and just do our best and make the USA proud.

Q. What's the feeling like as you guys walk off the day like that to tie it and go into tomorrow's singles matches, which you guys historically dominate pretty much?

JENNIFER KUPCHO: Hyped.

YEALIMI NOH: Yeah. I think it's great to finish the day with a tie when we started out the morning a few back. So now we're just all ready to go for tomorrow.

Q. Jennifer, you shushed the crowd, I think, to start the back nine. Can you tell me about, did you kind of think about that or it just happened? And then obviously, shushing them with the putter for the last couple of holes, can you talk to me about that.

JENNIFER KUPCHO: Yeah, I mean, it kind of just comes with it. It kind of comes in the moment. I definitely don't think about it over a putt. But, yeah, I think we kind of talked about it in the team room that we needed to get out there and play our game and try and calm down the crowd of how loud it was getting after the morning matches. So I think just from that little pep talk, it kind of just came in the moment of I was able to make a putt and it felt right and that's what happened.

Q. It's really unusual to finish both of these days in a tie. Why do you think that's been so close this time around?

YEALIMI NOH: I don't know, just good golf and really good team spirit, teamwork.

JENNIFER KUPCHO: I think being over here, I think the USA has really dug in deep this week to really keep it close. There's definitely moments out there where we



could have slacked off a little bit, but I think all of us know that we're going to have to dig in deep and to do it over here on away soil. So I think all of us are just out there fighting for our lives and fighting for each other and fighting for everybody at home that's cheering us on.

JENNIFER KUPCHO: Yeah.

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Q. The ear cupping and the shushing, was it more playful or was there actually some abuse towards you on the course?

JENNIFER KUPCHO: No, just playful. Carlota's loud, so I can be loud back.

Q. Both of you, Lindy and Jennifer, you were commenting on the crowd getting so loud. Either one of you can maybe answer it, but did you also get the feeling that the European fans, so to say, were much more loud, making a lot of noise, etcetera, compared to the U.S. fans? How did you experience that and how did you experience the atmosphere in general?

LINDY DUNCAN: I think the European fans just greatly outnumber the American fans out on the course. So when we were walking up 17 to mark our balls on the greens, I noticed a lot of the Europeans were chanting and kind of being pretty loud while we were walking up to the green and pretty close in proximity.

I don't know if you noticed that as well.

So you're just outnumbered and they're cheering for their team. So that's what we expect.

Q. Did you also get a little bit more influenced in a negative way, let's say, by that, or no?

JENNIFER KUPCHO: I don't think so. I think it's just, like, they're obviously cheering for their team, which is great. Like, that happens in the U.S. U.S. cheers for us. I think it's just going out there and when we know -- I mean, at any Solheim Cup if it's quiet, that's good for the U.S. out here on away soil. That's what you want is quiet. So I think that's just kind of what it's been about this week is trying to quiet the crowd.

Q. You said you had the same mental coach. As you're getting ready to reset for tomorrow after such a high today, what do you think your coach would tell you?

JENNIFER KUPCHO: It's a new day. Go out there and get it.

LINDY DUNCAN: And sleep is so huge. Sleep is a main priority.

