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Lydia Ko

Quick Quotes

Q. Here after your first round at the BMW Ladies Championship. We'll start with the round 5-under, bogey-free what worked for you out there?

LYDIA KO: I playing really solid. I didn't really put myself in that many difficult positions. You know, this is kind of a golf course where if you hit the ball well, you know, you can set up and give yourself a lot of birdie opportunities. So I think I did that well.

You know, I felt like I left a lot of putts out there but I think it's because I hit like 16 or 17 greens. So it's always a good place to be at, and just overall a good start to this event.

Q. When did you first start teeing the ball lower, and how has that helped you? And whose idea was it?

LYDIA KO: I think there was a time when I started not hitting my drivers well. But then I don't know if it's a subconscious thing, but like my 3-wood I was hitting it really well, and I feel pretty comfortable hitting driver off the deck, anyway, when the lie is decent.

I combined all of the things that I was doing well and something that I felt comfortable. Sometimes when I know for a fact that I want to almost guarantee that the ball is going to go from left-to-right, I always do that.

But it's kind of become, you know, part of my, like, strategy, and sometimes when it's firm, like in Cincinnati, it goes further than my normal drives. It might not carry as far but runs out there. So it's definitely like a good 15th club, kind of, that I've had in the bag. For sure it's not really a club at all golf courses, but I think I've been able to be smart and utilize it well to my advantage.

Q. Monday night we saw the photos on Instagram; you treated the girls to some Korean barbeque. What went into that? Any inspiration from Chella Choi? Take us through that night.

LYDIA KO: Yeah, Chella used to do that, give a little, I guess, experience to the LPGA staff and some of the players that came over for this event. You know, there

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was, I guess, kind of my thought behind it as well, especially I've had such a grateful year, a lot of positives.

I think one of the fortunate things for me is I've gotten a lot of support from my fellow competitors and players who play on the LPGA. As much as we are playing against each other and we want to be the one that finishes at the top of the leaderboard every week, they have been super supportive and some of them are girls that I've just known for a really long time.

Korea is a very special place for me. It's where I'm born and it's something that it's -- it's a place that I'm very proud of. I know that a lot of the players are excited to eat Korean barbeque when they come.

So I was hoping that would be kind of a nice way to start this week for them.

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