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Taihelyo Club Minori Course

Danielle Kang

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Q. Okay, Danielle, take us through your practice round. How have you been finding the course here this week?

DANIELLE KANG: This golf course is probably the best shape I've seen a competition being in for a long, long time. That says a lot. Just coming here and golf course is in really good shape.

I respect that a lot. So I know they put a lot of probably hard work into it in order to post the one event that we have in Japan, yeah.

Q. In terms of your game, what do you maybe like about this course or not like?

DANIELLE KANG: In terms of my game, I mean, I'm playing pretty bad, so I'm hoping that I just try and get some freedom. At least I can trust that if I start the ball online it's going to go in, greens being how good it is, and I can kind of rely my short game this week.

But, yeah, I don't really think it matters what course I play on right now. Hopefully I can just get something together. It's getting close. Not quite where I want it yet.

Q. I know you played this course back in 2017, 2016. 2016 I know you had a top 20 finish. Do you remember anything about your times playing back on this course?

DANIELLE KANG: No, I do not. I only remember one par-3. Played 18 holes, I only remember one par-3.

Q. What do you remember about it?

DANIELLE KANG: It was a long par-3 and there was water on the right. That's pretty much all I remember. It's nice that it's flat. Been a lot of traveling this year for me, so if I can just kind of cruise on a golf course, kind of nice.

I know the fans are going to be out. I get to play with two Japanese players, so it will be fun. Hopefully I don't shoot

that many over, have some good birdie opportunities.

It just could go either way for me right now. It happens, it's just a phase. It's okay.

Q. As your season winds down, maybe you're in this mentality, what are some of your goals? I think CME will be your last event, right?

DANIELLE KANG: I mean, I'm going to try until the end. I think there is a lot of aspects to my game right now that's not the way I want things to be, whether it's physically or mentally or whatever it may be.

And you're right, normally I'm excited for the end of the season. I just played way too much this year, and I think the constant -- but I had to play because I'm playing not so great.

So hopefully things I am working on and trying, hopefully it works this week, and take some good momentum into CME.

Q. Last question: How are you finding Japan, the culture, the food? I know you come back here a lot. How are you finding Japan this year?

DANIELLE KANG: Japan is always great to have a variety of foods. I get to choose what I feel like eating. I don't really like to eat a lot of meat and they have a lot of fish out here, which is kind of nice.

So red meat. Sorry.

So I have a lot of different variety of things to eat. I don't really like flour-based food, and to have buckwheat and things like that. So I do like to coming here, and you kind of make your own little sauce, which is awesome.

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