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Moriya Jutanugarn

Press Conference



THE MODERATOR: All right, welcome. I'm here with Moriya Jutanugarn after her win at the Portland Classic. It was a long day. It was hot out there. You came out on top.

How happy are you with your performance and your third LPGA victory?

MORIYA JUTANUGARN: Of course it's very happy, and also, you know, like I think it's been a while I haven't been in contention and also like to handle this situation. Of course it's like nervous and exciting out there.

Q. Throughout the round today you shot a lot of the birdies. Did you just feel like you were on a roll and that you were going to win? At what point did you realize I guess that you might win?

MORIYA JUTANUGARN: Well, to be honest, like just what I've been mention about like stick with my process like the whole week just because, you know, I've been working on like a certain thing because I want to be on the golf, course and how to like play golf with like being more on the golf course.

And of course like today, like down the last like back nine or last few hole it's kind of a little hard to really keep that going. I'm pretty happy with how I can handle myself and stick with my process and do what I want to do.

Q. You were bogey-free through 71 holes.

MORIYA JUTANUGARN: (Laughter.)

Q. Did you think about that on the last hole? I know of course you wanted to make that putt, but did you think about that on the last hole with the bogey there?

MORIYA JUTANUGARN: A lot of the times it's like when you make par it's kind of take a lot of the pressure off, a tough par putt. I haven't really think about it until I miss the par putt. I'm like oh, that's the first bogey I made this week.

My caddie say, Mo, that's the first bogey on the last hole this week. It was like pretty funny. It's kind of nice to like playing with bogey-free for a little while. (Smiling.)

Q. I know you had your family here. Your sister was sitting there watching you. Just how much does it mean to you to win in front of your sister and your mom watching from the 18th green?

MORIYA JUTANUGARN: I mean, it's always great to have like family support every week and also like friends, you know, like waiting on the 18 green when you walking up the last hole.

Doesn't feel a lot different because they always going to be here for support, but it's always great to like get to celebrate together.

Q. Can you talk a little bit about the win and the perspective of your season this year? How do you feel this season has been for you up to this point with your first victory of the year?

MORIYA JUTANUGARN: To be honest, like the last two season wasn't feel really good, you know, like to myself and stuff.

But keep working on something and I guess just the hard work, it pay off.

Q. What have you been working on? What has been feeling really good this week where you felt your work came through?

MORIYA JUTANUGARN: There is a lot of thing. Earlier this year I starting to work with a new swing coach. Also like everything is getting to be a little bit in the better way, and then pretty much working on how I feel and how I want to be on the golf course.

Q. Congratulations. I was just curious if you had a number that you were trying to shoot for today because you had to come from behind, or were you just kind of coming into today trying to just stick to your game plan?



MORIYA JUTANUGARN: Not really. The goal, it wasn't how it's going to come out. Of course everyone want to play the best and want to win tournaments. A lot of the girls out there are making birdies. Like they been playing good all week. You know, it's always very competitive out there.

But I just want to say trying to stick on my process and trying to play how I want to play, and just had a lot of good commitment out there.

Q. And just one last question about the golf course. This tournament you've had some good results at in the past. Is there something about this particular golf course or tournament or this area, Portland, that you just really like?

MORIYA JUTANUGARN: I mean, it's always very nice golf course. You know, it's always the place you want to come back. And also Portland treat me well, like lots of good food and stuff.

The course is nice, and like sometime I kind of like to play on a little bit tighter course and kind of make me focus a little bit more.

Yeah, you know, it's one of the favorite course.

Q. Your family is very close with your caddie, as he used to caddie for your sister, May, for quite a while. Can you talk about how special it was to have him on the bag and how you helped you out there?

MORIYA JUTANUGARN: I mean, get back to work with Les for this two week is kind of fun. I haven't work with Les for a long time.

11 years? Really?

No, yeah, Les caddie for me on like my rookie year which is basically 11, 12 years. (Laughter.) That was a long time.

He's always been like around in our family, like almost part of the family, like caddied for May for a little while. He probably go through a lot of things together with May and with me.

I hope he felt better than when I was younger when he working for me. You know, like it's kind of like everyone is like grow up like seeing Les around all the time. Les is like always trying to keep you calm sometime on the course if he can. And he does have a lot of experience. It kind of help me to get through today a lot.