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OLIVIA OUAGUENA: Welcome to the HSBC Women's World Championship. Can you just talk about being back at this event and what you enjoy so much?

RUONING YIN: I mean, this event is one of my favourite stops of the year, and especially Singapore is such a good place and a lot of good food, and course quality is just great. So it's exciting.

OLIVIA OUAGUENA: Is there anything about Singapore you just can't wait to come back to, the food, or...

RUONING YIN: Everything. People are nice here, and the food is so good, and we stay at amazing place. There's a lot of shopping malls, so yeah.

OLIVIA OUAGUENA: Two really good starts this season, both Top 20 finishes. Can you about your game and where you are at the moment?

RUONING YIN: I think my game is getting better every week. Last year the golf was a little difficult for me.

But this year, I think each part of my game is getting better, and I just need to puzzle them together.

Q. Last year, you finished T-21 at this event. Is there anything you learned that you're hoping to take into this year's tournament?

RUONING YIN: Great question. I was checking my score last week, like my results last week. I want to see how I finished last year.

And so last year, my total score was 2-under. So I think from last year, the green compares to last year, the green is softer this year because we had a lot of rains, and which I think it will give us a lot of birdie chances.

Compared to last year, I would love to see my putting, like my short game improve.

Q. This is obviously one of the earlier events in the season. Are you hoping to jump-start your season with this one?



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RUONING YIN: Yeah, a hundred percent. I think I was talking to my caddie and my coach last week. I said I think my game is sharper compared to at this time of any past years. So it's not as rusty.

So I'm pretty excited about this week and I want to put on a good show.

Q. You are competing after Chinese New Year. How will you celebrate with your family?

RUONING YIN: Chinese New Year was last week. I spent the New Year's Eve with my dad, and we just grab Thai food at a restaurant and that's it.

Q. Welcome back to Singapore. You're 23 and you have enjoyed a lot of early success in your golfing career so far. If you can just talk a little bit about your golfing journey so far to where you are today.

RUONING YIN: Okay. My golf journey, well, I think my achievements is way ahead of what I expecting it. So when I first got on tour, I just -- I just think, okay, maybe it's been three years to get used to play on the LPGA Tour, and after three years, we'll see what happens.

But right now, this is my fifth year, and I already got five wins, and one major. I think it's a privilege, and I'm just happy to be here and to be playing on the LPGA Tour, yeah.

Q. How do you normally prepare for big events like this?

RUONING YIN: I would probably spend a lot of time on the course because if you're just spending time on the range, you're just all flat. It's all flat ground. You're not going to learn much from it.

But if you play on the course a lot, play with different slopes and hitting different shots, that will get you into the performance mode more quickly, I think.

Q. And what's your major goal for this year? Are you planning for another major push or what else?

RUONING YIN: Absolutely. Any major is fine.

Q. Earlier this month, you got to be a torch bearer at the Winter Olympics. Can you just talk about what that experience is like, and did any of the stories or athletes from the Winter Games sort of inspire you as you head into the rest of the 2026 season?

RUONING YIN: Yes, that experience, that whole experience just amazing because that was my first time doing it. And I -- you know what, when I think of it, I can't remember much because my mind is just like blank.

I do remember I enjoyed the moment. When I was running on the street, there was so many people on the side, and just like they are just waving and cheering.

I think it's not about carrying the flame but it's more about carrying the hopes and the greatness, and I think those things are more inspiring.

Q. This week is a tough week. It's got nine of the Top 10 players here. Can you just talk to us about the difference between preparing for this week and compared to a major?

RUONING YIN: I think when I get into each week, each week is the same because I want to, obviously I want to win every week.

But how do I prepare? I don't think I prepare differently. I'll just see this tournament and majors, so all, like, the most tournament to me. So I will just do the same thing.

Q. Yesterday Jeeno was talking about how as a 19-year-old, she would speak to herself, and sometimes it was quite negative. Now as a 23-year-old, she finds that she talks to herself in a more positive way, particularly out on the course. How have you found that transition, as well, how important it is to speak to yourself on course?

RUONING YIN: I guess -- that's a very good question. Because I think when you're younger, I would say you're more immature, and when you're getting older, you know and you start to realize you can't always get what you want but just live in the moment.

Just every shot -- I think every shot, when you hit a shot, the shot is over. The next step will be focused on the next one, not still, like, think about the last one because last one is always the past. You cannot let the past hold you back, right. I think that's what I learned from the past years.

Because I was like Jeeno, I think. I was like so negative about it when I hit a bad shot when I was younger. But right now, it's just like how can I learn from it. How can I learn from a bad shot and to at least avoid the same mistake next time.

OLIVIA OUAGUENA: Perfect, thank you so much.

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