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Angel Yin

Press Conference



THE MODERATOR: All right joining me here today ahead of the 2026 Honda LPGA Thailand is Angel Yin. Angel, you are the defending champion here. You set many scoring records last year. How was that experience and how do you feel like your game was last year?

ANGEL YIN: I think my game was better last year than it is now. Kind of struggling right now. But you never know; sometime a miracle does happen.

Q. Last year you had a unique situation where your caddie was replaced last minute. Do you stay in contact with that caddie at all?

ANGEL YIN: Yeah, Tom. Tom is his name. I think he's caddieing this week. Not quite sure, but he's out here. He's been the backup caddie for a few years, and so last year was the first year actually caddieing so that was pretty fun.

Q. Do you feel like he impacted your experience a lot?

ANGEL YIN: Yeah. I mean, I think can't go wrong if the guy you're spending the majority of your day with is a good guy. Wasn't quite a language barrier. We understood each other and got along pretty good.

Q. You've been on Tour since 2017. How do you feel like you are continuing to learn and grow now that you're nearly a veteran out here?

ANGEL YIN: I think I loose focus fast, so I'm not -- I'm motivated, but at the same time not motivated. So I'm always finding new ways to continue my motivation for what I do and to be better and searching to be more consistent throughout my game and be more consistent with my results.

I think that's something I lack; just type of person I am I guess.

Q. And then you're based the United States. How do you find routine and like beat things like jet lag when you're traveling?

ANGEL YIN: I don't think I'm beating it to be honest. I'm very good at I guess staying awake when the sun is out. My body doesn't like it ever. It's always super bloated; feel really tired and sluggish.

But I've been here since like Sunday 2:00 a.m. so I think a little extra time always helps, especially in the beginning of the run.

Q. Welcome back. Can I just take you back to last year. Did you feel at the start of the week last year that something special was going to happen? How do you feel about the course? Is it just fits your eye?

ANGEL YIN: Yeah, I like the golf course. I guess it does fit my eye because I did play really good. Did I feel something special was going to happen the beginning the week last year? No, not really. It did feel very chaotic because my caddie fell sick and I had a new caddie three minutes before my tee time.

Just happy I didn't get DQd or penalized.

Q. You're playing tomorrow with Jeeno and Akie. Can you tell us a little bit about your feelings about Jeeno and how good she is and what maybe you learned from her?

ANGEL YIN: Yeah, I mean, honestly she's just so consistent, right? Our game, anything you do you want to be consistent, and she's been able to do that and that's why she's world No. 1.

She doesn't have -- this sounds bad but it's a compliment -- she doesn't have this spectacular multiple wins a year or those huge highlights, but I think that just shows how good she is. Because she's just so consistent that she -- because of her consistency she became world No. 1.

To me that's more impressive than an extremely highlighted person. I think that's what I strive to become or be more of.

Q. Is it intimidating to play with her in particularly tomorrow? Obviously most of the fans will be cheering for her.

ANGEL YIN: Is it intimidating? No. (Laughter.) I think

it's because like I have my own game to worry about.
Like I said, I'm not playing quite as good as I did last year
so trying to find more of a comfortable feel out there on
the golf course.

So I think I'm more worried and busy about my own stuff
than to be intimidated I think.

Yeah, I think it'll be really exciting, and it's like I never
stopped from last year. It's like a continuation. Just keep
it rolling.

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