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Evian Resort Golf Club

Yuka Saso

Quick Quotes

Q. All right, I'm here with Yuka Saso after a 2-under round, 6-under total. Can you just walk us our through your round out there today, especially starting with the double and then having seven birdies throughout the day.

YUKA SASO: Yeah, I started -- I mean, first two holes I was already 3-over. Not the start that I was hoping for.

I knew that's going to be a tough day, especially with the wind getting stronger in the afternoon and switching completely opposite compared to the first day.

So just try to be patient and try to have fun. I'm playing with two great players, and I was able to do that and finish good, so, yeah, pretty good.

Q. How were you able to have fun out there? Were you just trying to attack some of the pins out here? Play with the slopes?

YUKA SASO: Yeah, just trying to read the wind, you know, take a little more time, seeing the wind, where it's coming from and how strong it is. Yeah, I think it paid off, so I'll probably do that the whole week.

Might take five minutes not to hit. (Laughing.)

Q. Let's hope not. You had three birdies in a four-hole stretch on the back nine, two back to back on 16 and 17. The 17 shot was incredible. Walk us through that four-hole stretch.

YUKA SASO: Yeah, starting 15, 15 I didn't hit a good tee shot. I hit it on the rough, but then I was able to get up pretty nicely and gave myself a birdie putt, but was a tough putt, so...

And then 16 I had 9-iron in, strong wind, downwind. I was able to hit it really good and land it where I wanted. I was able to -- I mean, my putter was like three feet or something.

Then 17, hit a good tee shot, very good tee shot, very good second shot. Yeah, very good putt.



Then, yeah...

Q. So looking back from Mizuho to now, you've had three top 10s, two of which are Top 5 and a top 20 at the Women's Open. What's changed? Have you figured out something with your golf swing? Is it mentality? That stretch of golf was really, really solid. Like what's different?

YUKA SASO: Because you guys are here.

Q. Is there anything you've been focusing on, clicking that has not been?

YUKA SASO: Well, I changed my clubs.

Q. Oh, you did.

YUKA SASO: My irons. I changed my clubs here and there, and I think that's working out really good.

So I think, yeah, that's one of the main reasons.

Q. What did you adjust if you don't mind me asking? What did you change?

YUKA SASO: I changed the iron, like the whole...

Q. The whole set?

YUKA SASO: Yes. I changed like 4-iron to 9-iron and then I changed my putter, too.

So I switched to Callaway Apex MBs and then I recently switched my 5 and 4 to (indiscernible), and change my putter to Toulon Chicago to Atlanta. I think that is the biggest change that I had.

Q. Last question from me. You and your partner from last week's Dow Great Lakes Bay Invitational are up there; finished T3 last week. Did you give you, both of you, some good happy momentum to bring into another championship? It's been a long stretch of golf?

YUKA SASO: I don't know if she's happy. I don't know. But me, yes, I'm very happy. I really enjoy playing with her and obviously she's multiple LPGA winner and just a

very nice person.

I hang out with her sometimes. Yeah, I think it was good week for me. I mean, yeah.

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