

# Buick LPGA Shanghai

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**Jeeno Thitikul**

**Ruoning Yin**

**Minjee Lee**

**Lilia Vu**

**Jennifer Kupcho**

Press Conference



MINJEE LEE: I just think when I was younger I did a lot of practice with my basics, fundamentals, so I think that was really important to have those basics, and then I could work on other skills.

So I think that's really important for like juniors and amateurs when you're young, I think just keeping -- you know, like those things are important to me, so I think in my professional career I always fall back to those thoughts and those basics.

Yeah, pretty much.

**Q. (Indiscernible.) (Question for Jennifer.) Six years since is the last time you tee'd up here. What is the biggest difference you notice?**

JENNIFER KUPCHO: Yeah, I think it's been six years since I've been here, but I think just in the six years, the competition out on the LPGA has gotten very stiff. A lot of young rookies, really good players, and really anybody can win any week.

So I think it's just continuing to try to make myself better to go along with the rest of the competition.

I think also, I continue to grow my game in the last six years so I'm just excited to be back.

**Q. (Indiscernible.) (Question for Jeeno Thitikul.) Has she returned the favor and most importantly (indiscernible.)**

JEENO THITIKUL: Yeah, we haven't gone to anything except the mall by the hotel. But, yes, she brought me to the (indiscernible.)

**Q. Where?**

JEENO THITIKUL: What's the name of the restaurant?

RUONING YIN: (Indiscernible.) (Mandarin-not translated.)

JEENO THITIKUL: Yes. (Laughter.)

RUONING YIN: You only took me out once, but I already

**Q. (In Mandarin-not translated.)**

RUONING YIN: It's meaningful playing for titles, but at home we have home crowd, home fans, so a lot of moments where it's going to be different.

**Q. Jeeno, back in Shanghai as world No. 1 player. How are you settling in? (Indiscernible.)**

JEENO THITIKUL: Yeah, I mean, like second time here in Shanghai, and I had really good time last year in Shanghai for the first time playing.

And then also playing alongside Ronni and we had a lot of China fan. So I feel like every time I play in Asia I just love being in Asia; feel so good. The weather what we used to, and then just really being excited to be here again competing.

**Q. (Through translation.) Lilia, you were impressive (indiscernible.) What's the game plan coming into this week? Are you looking to repeat that performance or...**

LILIA VU: Yeah, I would say two years ago I didn't expect to be in that position, be in the playoff on the last day, but I have good memories here.

And then my game plan for this week is just to go out here and fun and try to put up a good four rounds.

**Q. (Indiscernible.) (Question to Minjee.) For young players watching, what's the secret, what's the key to not just reaching the top but staying there? What's your secret?**



took you out for twice. (Laughter.)

in 2019 when I was first here.

JEENO THITIKUL: Fair.

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**Q. (Indiscernible.)**

RUONING YIN: (Indiscernible.) (In Mandarin-not translated.)

**Q. This question to Minjee. You've been here for every edition of the tournament. (Regarding coming back to the golf tournament.)**

MINJEE LEE: I mean, I've been here seven times so obviously I like it. But, no, I always love coming back. I think it fits really well in my schedule and the food is great, hospitality is always really nice.

We just get looked after really well, so I really enjoy coming back and visiting.

**Q. (Indiscernible.) (In Mandarin-not translated.)**

RUONING YIN: (In Mandarin-no translated.)

**Q. (Indiscernible.) (Question for Lilia regarding her journey recently.) How has that shift your play and shift your personality?**

LILIA VU: Yeah, I would say I went through a lot this year with my body. At the beginning of the year I played in Thailand. I was in a lot of pain, back pain especially. I made a change this year kind of with different eating habits, gluten free, dairy free and that really helped my body, but also changed my body a lot.

I feel a lot better. I have no pain. I mean, golf is rough for a couple months, but I'm just waiting for it all to translate. I feel really good in my body and just can't wait to have a fun week.

**Q. (Indiscernible.) Last question to Jennifer Kupcho. For your rookie year, rookie player now to a major champion; since you last visit, how would you describe the evolution of your game and approach to the tournament now?**

JENNIFER KUPCHO: Yeah, I think since my rookie year, last time I've been here my game has definitely evolved. My all around game, everything has gotten a lot better. Just in general as well changed as a person.

I think coming over to Asia I was a little awestruck, but now I'm a little bit more able to eat things that I'm not used to. I'm excited to try some cuisine this year compared to back

