U.S. Girls' Junior

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Q. Strong margin of victory today, could you walk me through the match from your perspective, how you measure your game today against stroke play?

Kong: I know the first two days I played pretty well for this course. I kind of just walked into today thinking it's just another round of stroke play, basically. If I play the course like I did the last two days, I think I'll do pretty well in match play. I haven't played too much match play, but I thought it was fun. And my game was good, everything felt pretty solid.

Q. Did you feel any different competing in the match versus against the whole field in stroke play?

Kong: Yeah, you definitely feel more tension with the other person you're playing with, because it's also only two of you, and you can concede putts and all that, I kept forgetting. It's definitely a different vibe, but most of the girls here are pretty nice, and we're all cool.

Q. And this is your first Girls' Junior, can you talk about the week and what you've seen so far?

Kong: Yeah, this is my first Girls' Junior, which I got an exemption into. I've never played in Georgia, so that was new. The heat was definitely a rude awakening, but I love it. USGA just hosts the best events possible, the hospitality is great, everyone is great.

Q. First time being in Georgia, this heat, can you talk about how you're managing it all?

Kong: It really hit me yesterday, because I had an afternoon tee time and it was like 92 [degrees]. I was just melting out here. And then there was a rain delay, so that was like, 'Oh great.' But yeah, I thought it was a big adjustment, kind of just pacing myself when I'm warming up. Don't really need to hit too much because you're body's already warm.

Q. Did you come into the week with any goals or expectations?

Kong: Basically just maintenance. Maintaining everything about my game right now. I might practice a little bit after the rounds and stuff to clean up anything I thought needed some work or anything. Other than that, it's a great course. I love it.