U.S. Girls' Junior

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Q. 2 and 1 victory today, it looked like you went back and forth on that back nine, can you walk me through the match?

Wu: Well, there was this pretty crazy hole where I had a 9. I think that really helped me relax despite being pretty terrible. I literally made a 9 on hole 13. After that 9 I felt a lot more relaxed, it helped me relax, because I felt like I physically played the worst shot combination possible, and I felt like I was done after that and felt like I could play relaxed and just have fun for the rest of the round.

Q. What was going through your head in that moment?

Wu: I was just focusing on technical and swing thought, one swing thought at a time. Also working a lot to keep my thoughts blank, don't think about unnecessary stuff.

Q. Did you feel it was hard to gain and keep momentum? Did you notice shifts there along with the score during the match?

Wu: I did feel that, yes, but the way I stopped that, or helped myself to get through it, was just focusing on each shot. If I'm on the green, I'm focused on making the putt or my speed. I don't let myself think about the 'what if's,' like 'what if it misses?' I don't think about that.

Q. This is your first Girls' Junior – talk a little bit about making it to the championship, your thoughts on being here.

Wu: I think it's really awesome to be hear, it's my first time playing. Super fun and at the same time, I had to kind of play two qualifiers to get in. I played the Utah Girls' [Junior State Amateur] and that was match play, so it was very similar to this tournament, just on a different scale. I made it through two matches before I lost to Navy Hubbs. So that was a super fun experience, it was my first time playing match play as well. After that I played the qualifier in Utah, which was where I got first alternate after playing off against two other people. And then that's how I got in.

Q. With this being your second match play championship, how do you feel in that format, is the head-to-head something you enjoy?

Wu: Yes, definitely. I don't know why, but I really enjoy playoffs and match play. I like the sudden-death mechanic, it just feels refreshing. It feels really exciting for me, because I'm just like, 'Okay, this is it. Let's get out there.'

Q. So you enjoy playing under pressure, do you feel you play better under pressure?

Wu: Yeah, I would think so.

Q. What are your thoughts on this course so far?

Wu: I think it's in really good condition, the greens are some of the fastest I've ever putted on. It's a great experience to be out here, and the distance too, this is the furthest I've played as well, especially as a par 71. I just came in thinking I'm going to go do my best out there, shoot as low as I can, see how far I can go.

Q. Are you a longer player? Do you feel like this course suits your game?

Wu: I just hit my 5-iron 200 yards, as a point of reference. Yeah, I think so.

Q. You mentioned the greens being pretty fast, how's your lag putting?

Wu: I feel like the fast greens are in my benefit, because my home course is Spyglass [Hill], and I

practice putting there a lot. It's our school's home course, so I practice there daily, and the greens there are very similar to here. The grass conditions, green speed and stuff, this place is slightly faster, but it makes the getting used to it period a lot easier for me.

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

Wu: The only goal for me was to have fun, beat some people, like c'mon. Get out there. I think just play to my potential, don't let anything hold me back, make sure I don't have any regrets.

Q. Anything you're looking forward to ?

Wu: Well, there was this pretty crazy hole where I had a 9. I think that really helped me relax despite being pretty terrible.

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