



**INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPT: YANI TSENG**  
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**MODERATOR: I'd like to welcome Rolex Rankings Number 1 Yani Tseng to the interview room.**

**Yani, you are the fourth seed this week, you'll be playing Marcy Hart tomorrow. If you would just talk a little bit about the Sybase Match Play. I know you've had a lot of experience with match play and amateur golf.**

YANI TSENG: Yeah, I play lots of USGA events with match play. I love match play because you can be aggressive all the time and just play one hole like very focused. It's not like you're trying to beat the whole field, you just try to beat the person you play with. I mean, it gets me off the little pressure because I don't think who else plays better or something. So it was fun. It's going to be a very fun week this week and I'm really looking forward.

I never played with Marcy before, so I think it's going to be fun, too. And course is really long, I wish they could move the tee up. It's just going to be ridiculous. I practiced yesterday and hit 5-iron, 4-iron and 6-iron, it was pretty tough, very tough course.

**MODERATOR: Do you think that would be to your advantage, though, since you are one of the longer players to be -- especially since it's so long?**

YANI TSENG: Yeah, it will be, but I try to make (inaudible.)

**MODERATOR: Questions for Yani? Steve?**

**Q. Could you talk about how you grew up learning to play golf in your country, how popular it is there, how popular you are there, especially since you've become Number 1 one of the top players in the world? Was it hard for you?**

YANI TSENG: Yeah, it's getting popular now because we have so many great players in the 10 years, but after that it was kind of like no one was coming out to play better. Then after this, me, Candie, Mi Hyun, Teresa Lu, we kind of started again playing on the LPGA, Taiwanese players. So it's getting popular and now have more TV following, more fans are following golf, too, because in Taiwan it's the age for the golf is not really that young for the young people so it's really helpful. But now they're really just started watching the golf and they start getting understand how we play and how tough is it and they just start realize what is golf.

I started playing golf with my dad and my parents since I was five, and my dad used to be club champion and that was like five thousand at the club, so he's pretty good, but not now, he's not playing well now.

**Q. I assume you played on a good golf course with decent equipment; is that accurate, or at five years old, did you have to scrape for good clubs and things like that?**

YANI TSENG: No, I just played with kid's club and I started playing on the driving range, so I don't go to the course a lot, I just hit on the driving range. Just so much fun and first time my coaches teach me hit as hard as I can, so that's how -- just hit as hard as I can, I don't care where my ball's going and it was just really fun.

**MODERATOR: Now we do have a tournament in Taiwan.**

YANI TSENG: Yeah.

**MODERATOR: Do you feel like you helped that happen?**

YANI TSENG: Yeah, I think so. We working really hard. I went to -- I go to see the president and vice president to see if they can give us -- try to find a sponsor. And then the golf course is very, very good. They play lots of Asian and European Tour there. I've been training there like three or four years in that golf course, in the hotel. I go home. I think it's a really, really good course. And government and all the place is very excited now and they all really looking forward to that tournament.

**Q. Can you talk about this season? You played well this season, but now you're coming into a stretch where it's going to be almost every week. Are you excited about that?**

YANI TSENG: Yeah, I'm very excited, but I do feel a little pressure because when you're Number 1, everybody's chasing you. I'm working hard to be more consistently and we get so many great players on the LPGA Tour, and you never

know, they can win every week. You just need to keep working hard to beat them.

**Q. Do you think a lot of people know that you are the Number 1 player in the world?**

YANI TSENG: I don't know. I hope so.

**Q. As you walk around here, like go shopping or something like that, would people know who you are?**

YANI TSENG: Yeah.

**Q. In this country?**

YANI TSENG: Yeah, yes, much better now.

**Q. People do recognize you?**

YANI TSENG: Yes, but mostly as a golfer, but I'm still very happy, because I'm Asian, I'm from Taiwan and I'm really happy to get recognized here.

**MODERATOR: And you've really gone out of your way to make sure that fans know that you speak English and you're approachable.**

YANI TSENG: Yeah.

**MODERATOR: Do you feel like that's a really important thing for you to do?**

YANI TSENG: Yeah, I think so, because most of the people here, we're Asian and I don't know if they know we can speak English. I don't know they are like not -- I feel I'm close like this is -- I feel like LPGA's a big family, so I'm really enjoying it out here. I think when I enjoy here and I think the fans enjoy watching us here, too.

**Q. In your own country, I mean, how much are you recognized there?**

YANI TSENG: Yeah, it's a little crazy. I just -- they would tell me, oh, you did a good job. Like, oh, you're Yani Tseng, and so they want to take pictures and signature, all kind of stuff, yeah.

**Q. What do you like to do to sort of relax or get away from golf? Do you have any other hobbies or anything like that?**

YANI TSENG: Yeah, most of the time I hang out with friends, just stay at their home, kind of little private, because when you go out it's hard to have a beer and everybody's looking at you, so kind of go to a little private place and just have fun together.

**Q. How popular is golf compared to other sports in your country, and has it changed since you and some of the other women have --**

YANI TSENG: Yeah, I think it changed a lot because most of -- when I walking on the street, most of the young people know who I am, know golf now, so I think it's getting much popular. But our -- most popular in Taiwan is baseball, baseball and basketball.

**Q. Did you play those, by the way?**

YANI TSENG: Yeah, I played basketball.

**Q. What's the hardest part about the longer breaks in the schedule? What do you do to keep sharp during that time? Do you play other tournaments away from the Tour?**

YANI TSENG: No, I stayed home in Orlando these few weeks. This feel like forever thought because this is like six week, only one tournament. It was really tough. And I know they're working really hard for this, too, and hopefully next year could change, but this is how it is, you just need to stay patient. You know, I'm working with my coach, I go shopping, do lots of things to keep me relaxed and back on track again.

**Q. Do you feel when you finally come back, is your game a little different, or do you kind of have to knock the rust off a little bit?**

YANI TSENG: No, I don't think much different. Last week I don't play well, I missed cut and that's in good shape. It's been two weeks I didn't play well. I think I must be put too much pressure on me because after three weeks, I want to play well and then I didn't, so this week I relaxed and I still feel really good right now and really looking forward.

**MODERATOR: All right, Yani. Thank you so much.**

YANI TSENG: Thank you.

