



INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPT: MICHELLE WIE
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MODERATOR: We would like to welcome Michelle Wie into the interview room. Congratulations on your win in your match today.

Can you just take us through, I know we had to go to extra holes and it was kind of a tight back-and-forth thing between you and Anna all day.

MICHELLE WIE: I mean, it's hard to win holes when Anna's not making mistakes and you're making all the mistakes, but kind of just really grinded out there today, really never lost focus and really tried to grind it out.

MODERATOR: But the weather's been kind of up and down and you guys had rain early and then sun late. How were the conditions of the course and how did they affect --

MICHELLE WIE: The course is really holding up. Obviously there are some soggy spots, but the greens are as good as ever and I'm really impressed with how they kept the golf course.

MODERATOR: Questions?

Q. You were 2-down after 14 or 2-down after 13. Sort of what was your mindset at that point? I know you sort of looked a little frustrated with your putting. How did you turn it around?

MICHELLE WIE: Umm, I just -- I knew I was going to have some short wedges into the next couple of holes and my wedge game felt good today, so I just told myself to get on the fairway, get some wedges close, get some uphill putts. Putting felt good all day. I've been places where it's hard to read, I misread a couple of them, but all day my roll felt really good so it was nice to get some putts that went in.

Q. Can you take us through the last hole, the 20th hole?

MICHELLE WIE: I hit driver, then I hit a 3-wood to about a little bit short, and I kind of -- didn't chip it quite as well and I kind of left it just on the edge and two-putted.

Q. I don't know if you've had a chance to look at the rest of the bracket, but match play, sometimes it doesn't always work out where all the big names make it to the sweet 16, but there's some pretty solid players out there. Are you sort of looking at who else is there, who you might have to face if you sort of move on?

MICHELLE WIE: You know, I'm just taking it day by day, taking it tomorrow. I know I'm playing Sophie so I'm just going to focus on that. I can't really look too far in advance. You never really know in match play, anything can happen.

Q. Did you feel you missed a chance at 18?

MICHELLE WIE: Yeah, I thought that putt went in for sure. It would have been nice to not have to have gone the two extra holes, but I think it was a good experience.

Q. Do you feel confident continuing through or did you feel it was -- could be slipping away?

MICHELLE WIE: No, I thought, you know, I feel comfortable first couple of holes. You know, it is what it is. It could go one way or another and I just kind of played my best out there, tried to keep it in the fairway, keep my wedge game close and try to make some putts.

Q. Did you learn anything from making it to the semi-finals last year on sort of how to approach this tournament and go about it once you hit the weekend?

MICHELLE WIE: I think that, you know, I can't really look too far in advance. You know, I'm just thinking about tomorrow morning and how I'm going to hit the ball better and get in more of the fairway and try to make it easy for myself.

Q. I apologize if this has been asked before, but there are six Americans in the final 16. Does that matter? Is that a big deal in terms of, you know, visibility for the Tour or anything like that?

MICHELLE WIE: Yeah, I think it's awesome. I think it's kind of funny because we just had our sweet 16 practice session and we all kind of played matches against each other, so pretty interesting. But it's great, I think it's good.

MODERATOR: Any more questions? Thank you very much, Michelle.