

U.S. Women's Amateur Championship

Quick Quotes

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Eun Jeong Seong

Q. Tough match against a friend today.

EUN JEONG SEONG: Yeah.

Q. What was it like out there? You guys weren't as chitchatty as you are at lunch.

EUN JEONG SEONG: Yeah, maybe almost every breakfast and lunch with Andrea, we every time kidding, yeah. But in the match we're very serious.

Q. Is it hard playing a friend?

EUN JEONG SEONG: Yeah, it's hard, because sometimes concede is --

Q. You want to concede but you can't?

EUN JEONG SEONG: Yeah.

Q. Tell me about how the course is changing out there, how much more difficult it was today.

EUN JEONG SEONG: Andrea and me, also, we didn't play 16, 17, 18. My first time to play today. But I don't know, the last hole is too short, 40 yards, too short. Course today pins were too hard with the slope. I cannot -- like fast. Too hard.

Q. When you say 18 was short, what do you mean?

EUN JEONG SEONG: Oh, because stroke play is like 480 yards, back.

Q. Oh, they moved it up?

EUN JEONG SEONG: Yeah, they moved.

Q. Does the Women's Am feel different than the Girls' Junior to you?

EUN JEONG SEONG: Yeah, because Girls' Junior is almost same my age, but the Women's Amateur is like college players and top players coming here like from other countries, national team. That's why it's a little bit hard.

Q. So what are your plans, speaking of college? I'm assuming college, American College isn't anything you're thinking about?

EUN JEONG SEONG: I just like Stanford.

Q. You like Stanford?

EUN JEONG SEONG: Yeah, just like.



Q. But you want to turn professional?

EUN JEONG SEONG: I don't know.

Q. Would you actually entertain Stanford?

EUN JEONG SEONG: Yeah.

Q. Going to Stanford?

EUN JEONG SEONG: Yeah, but I cannot, I think. Just I like Stanford.

Q. So you think you will turn pro at some point?

EUN JEONG SEONG: Yep.

Q. Any idea when?

EUN JEONG SEONG: Yes. Oh, any idea?

Q. When you might turn pro, what age?

EUN JEONG SEONG: Maybe next year.

Q. How long have you been playing golf?

EUN JEONG SEONG: 10 years.

Q. And do both of your parents play?

EUN JEONG SEONG: Yeah.

Q. Are they pretty good?

EUN JEONG SEONG: No. My dad is farther than me.

Q. Hits it farther than you?

EUN JEONG SEONG: Yeah.

Q. But he's like what handicap --

EUN JEONG SEONG: Like way far.

Q. But he hits it all over the place?

EUN JEONG SEONG: Yes.

Q. What's his handicap do you think?

EUN JEONG SEONG: My dad? Like 15.

Q. What about your mom?

EUN JEONG SEONG: Mom cannot count.

Q. Did she play other sports? Did your mom play sports?

EUN JEONG SEONG: My mom and my dad played basketball player in college.

Q. In Korea?

EUN JEONG SEONG: Yeah.

Q. So they were pretty good, huh?

EUN JEONG SEONG: Yeah.

Q. So your dad introduced you to the game 10 years ago; you would have been six?

EUN JEONG SEONG: Yeah.

Q. Was he a Se Ri Pak person or how did he get into it?

EUN JEONG SEONG: My mom loved golf. She plays too bad, but she's watching Golf Channel every day. She finds like LPGA or KLPGA. She finds every news. Sometimes it's too tired.

Q. Sometimes it's too much?

EUN JEONG SEONG: Yeah, but I starting golf, like my mom like golf, maybe '99 Se Ri Pak is No. 1 in Korea.

Q. So your mom was influenced really by Se Ri?

EUN JEONG SEONG: Yeah.

Q. What do you think was the turning point of the match for you today for momentum for you?

EUN JEONG SEONG: I'd say hole No. 15. She missed a tee shot, and I go 1-up. I can play relaxed.

Q. You have a chance to be the first person to win both the Girls' Junior and the Women's Am in the same year. Have you thought about that very much?

EUN JEONG SEONG: This is fourth history, right? I don't know that, but Hye-Jin Choi told me this is fourth history. If you make, win, like -- but I'm not pressured, just enjoy tomorrow.

Q. When did she tell you that, Choi?

EUN JEONG SEONG: Yesterday.

Q. So did that make you nervous?

EUN JEONG SEONG: Yeah.

Q. It did?

EUN JEONG SEONG: Yes.

Q. What do you think is the best part of your game?

EUN JEONG SEONG: Like putter, driver. I'd say putter.

Q. Who's your instructor, teacher? Who's your coach?

EUN JEONG SEONG: My coach is Joo Hyung Kim (ph). He played with Tiger Woods before.

Q. He played with Tiger Woods?

EUN JEONG SEONG: Yeah, in AJGA. So 10 years ago. He told me every time Tiger Woods' mind is best. Every day I text to my coach.

Q. You text your coach every day?

EUN JEONG SEONG: Yeah, he find FOX Sports and he watching TV.

Q. In Korea?

EUN JEONG SEONG: Yeah, in Korea. He didn't sleep.

Q. So he's watching in the middle of the night?

EUN JEONG SEONG: Yeah.

Q. How long has he been your coach?

EUN JEONG SEONG: Not a long time, just one year. But before coach is like important, but this coach is like told me fade, draw.

Q. Taught you how to shape the ball?

EUN JEONG SEONG: Yes.

Q. You're not on the Korean national team?

EUN JEONG SEONG: No, I'm not on the Korean national team.

Q. But you used to be?

EUN JEONG SEONG: Maybe three -- 2013.

Q. So what made you decide to come over and play USGA events? Why?

EUN JEONG SEONG: My mom told me like PGA TOUR is -- I need more play in the USA course, and here is different like south or east, west, it's always different. My mom, she thought best.

Q. So she thought this would be good for the LPGA to come here and play USGA events?

EUN JEONG SEONG: Yes.

Q. So did that mean you couldn't be on the Korean national team?

EUN JEONG SEONG: Yes.

Q. Because you were missing stuff?

EUN JEONG SEONG: No, I'm not missing stuff. I return national team because I want to play USGA events. If I International Team two years ago, I cannot play USGA tournaments, but now I can. That's why Hye-Jin Choi coming here.

Q. So they changed the rule?

EUN JEONG SEONG: Yeah.

Q. Because of you?

EUN JEONG SEONG: No.

Q. So do you think you'll go back on the team then?

EUN JEONG SEONG: I think not because I'm turning pro.

Q. So do you think you might turn pro to go to Q-school next year?

EUN JEONG SEONG: Maybe. This year I may to LPGA, but they said you cannot --

Q. You petitioned?

EUN JEONG SEONG: Yeah.

Q. But you're too young?

EUN JEONG SEONG: Yeah.

Q. They said no?

EUN JEONG SEONG: Yeah.

Q. So you'll try again next year?

EUN JEONG SEONG: Yeah.

Q. When is your birthday?

EUN JEONG SEONG: October 31st, Halloween.

Q. So you will be 18 by the final stage, so you can play next year in Q-school; I got it now. Your birthday is on Halloween?

EUN JEONG SEONG: Yeah.

Q. Do you celebrate Halloween in Korea?

EUN JEONG SEONG: Yes.

Q. What's your best costume you ever had for Halloween?

EUN JEONG SEONG: Halloween is my birthday. My parents married on my birthday.

Q. That's their anniversary, too?

EUN JEONG SEONG: Yeah. We don't have Halloween.

Q. So you never dress up?

EUN JEONG SEONG: Yes.

Q. You do or don't?

EUN JEONG SEONG: I don't. Just watching. Sometimes carry like mask.