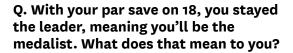
### **U.S. Girls' Junior**

Tuesday, July 17, 2023 Colorado Springs, Colo., USA Eisenhower Golf Club, Blue Course

#### Yana Wilson



YANA WILSON: It definitely means a lot to me, but I tried to convince myself that it doesn't really mean anything to me because we're not even half way through the championship, and I still have a lot of golf to play hopefully. So, I'm just going to try and keep my head steady as it has been the whole championship and just keep grinding.

## Q. Could you walk me through your round today?

YANA WILSON: On the first hole I started with a birdie, and then it got kind of boring again. You know, yesterday I had a bogey-free round, today I had two bogeys which was kind of 'eh,' but it drove me to make more birdies on my back nine. So, I don't know, overall I would say it was pretty steady besides those two bogies.

## Q. Yeah, I mean you had four birdies on holes 12 through 15, what was working for you there?

YANA WILSON: I was just in the zone. My putter got hot within those four holes, and I was just hitting the ball very well.

### Q. How did you feel the course played today compared to yesterday?

YANA WILSON: Pins were a little bit trickier, I would say. But a lot more of my putts did drop, so that was cool, but yeah I would say the course played a little bit harder. Especially with the weather.

# Q. Starting tomorrow, you're moving onto match play. What's your comfort level in that format compared to stroke play?

YANA WILSON: I feel like I'm more comfortable in match play, for sure. It's just a different mindset,



you're not playing against the whole field, you're just playing against your other opponent. But I'm going to try to treat it like stroke play as I did last year. Last year my thought process was just to shoot 5-under every round, and you know, if you lose to your competitor shooting 5-under, that's okay.

#### Q. You've beaten Anna Davis in a playoff at the ANNIKA Invitational, you beat her at the Mizuho at the beginning of the summer, and today you've edged her out for medalist honors. Would you say there's a friendly rivalry forming there?

YANA WILSON: Her and I grew up playing together when we were young, so I wouldn't say that there's a rivalry, but we just go head-to-head a lot. It's just a coincidence because she's beaten me in a couple of tournaments, too, so we just go back and forth. She's a great player and a great competitor, and I'm sure she'll do amazing this week.