

U.S. Girls' Junior

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Colorado Springs, Colo., USA
Eisenhower Golf Club, Blue Course

Yana Wilson



Q. With your par save on 18, you stayed the leader, meaning you'll be the medalist. What does that mean to you?

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.