

**ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES**  
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**RUONING YIN**  
**NICK TAYLOR**

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**THE MODERATOR:** How was day one playing together?

**NICK TAYLOR:** It was fun. Ruoning made a bunch of putts just to keep us in it and get us going, so birdieing the last seven holes is always a fun way to finish.

**RUONING YIN:** Yeah, Nick had a hole-out eagle and a lot of great shots, and I just told him, you've got to teach me how to hit a bunker shot.

**THE MODERATOR:** Playing together, what area and aspect of each other's game do you admire the most from each other?

**RUONING YIN:** For Nick, it's definitely his putting because the first hole I told him, okay, I'll go first, I'll show you the line and you make the putt, okay?

**NICK TAYLOR:** Tee to green, Ruoning is great. She made a bunch of putts today. She's being nice. I didn't have to putt a lot of times after she made a bunch of putts there.

She hit a lot of great drives that put us in good spots, so tomorrow's alternate shot we've just got to keep doing the same thing.

**THE MODERATOR:** Playing with Brooke and Corey, also Canadians with Nick, did you feel some Canadian love with this grouping?

**RUONING YIN:** Oh, yeah, especially on first tee and last hole. The crowd was amazing.

**Q. Nick, for both of you guys a breakthrough season. How special is it to finish it off with a fun event like this?**

**NICK TAYLOR:** Yeah, it's great that we've teamed up with the LPGA after almost 25 years now, so I'm really excited to be a part of this kind of inaugural restart of that, and to have a great year that I had, to cap it off with this is great. It's awesome to play with Ruoning, who's second in the world. I just kind of follow her wherever she goes, and today worked out great.

**Q. How about for you, Ruoning?**

**RUONING YIN:** This event means a lot just two tours and one competition and just -- I think will bring inspiration for next generation, too. Also it's a fun week. We're just having fun here.



**Q. For you specifically, how different are things now than a year ago at this time? Obviously you've had a couple of wins this year. How different is it looking back at this time last year to now see where you are?**

**RUONING YIN:** I mean, last year compared to this year, I think the biggest difference is I'm more open to making friends, to social, and for me every week is like just play golf with friends.

**Q. Ruoning, do you play much golf with the guys back in China? Is this a different experience for you?**

**RUONING YIN:** Not really. This week is probably the first week I've seen -- played with the PGA TOUR players. To be able to see them even just practice on the range, it's a different feeling.

**Q. Can you describe it, what it feels like?**

**RUONING YIN:** Sounds different. Like they hit the ball so far, and it just sounds different, like high-quality shots.

**Q. Are your nerves different this week than a typical week, or are you just treating it as fun?**

**RUONING YIN:** We're just having fun here. Obviously we want to win, but more important is fun.

**Q. With one round under your belt, how much fun did you have and would you advocate for more events like this in the future after seeing what it's like?**

**NICK TAYLOR:** We had a great time today. The format today I think is probably the most stress free we're going to play this entire week. But yeah, I think this is going to have great reviews, hopefully great viewership. It's a lot of fun. I think it's great to see the best on both sides competing together, so it's been a lot of fun.

**Q. Did you guys Google each other by chance?**

**NICK TAYLOR:** I had watched Ruoning come up and win the major she had won earlier in the year, so I had known. David that's on her bag caddied for me for a little stint a couple years ago, and then same short game coach, so I've known about Ruoning for a little bit, and when the opportunity came, I jumped on the opportunity to be able to play with her.

