U.S. Girls' Junior Championship

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Madison Messimer

Press Conference

Q. For starters, you were 3-down with three to play.

MADISON MESSIMER: Yes.

Q. Walk me through how you were able to bring it back.

MADISON MESSIMER: I just really tried to live in the moment. I was just really happy to be there.

This is my first time making it to the round of 16.

I just had to get me putter dialed and I made a lot of putts at the end. That's really what it was.

Q. Was there anything specific in your putting that kind of showed up in those last few holes?

MADISON MESSIMER: It was just our green reads, matching my speed with my reads.

Q. You mentioned this is the furthest you've made it before in match play. Is that in this event or just in general?

MADISON MESSIMER: In this event, yeah.

Q. How many Girls Juniors have you had played?

MADISON MESSIMER: This is my second one.

Q. Second one. What were your expectations at the beginning of the week, if anything?

MADISON MESSIMER: Just to make the cut really and see how far I could go into match play. I definitely exceeded my expectations.

Q. Could you talk a little bit more about your matches from yesterday and this morning?

MADISON MESSIMER: Well, yesterday the girl I played



was really, really good. She was a great ball-striker. I think that's probably my strength, too, is my ball striking.

I just knew I needed to make more putts today and I definitely did, and that's what helped me win.

Q. And then this morning?

MADISON MESSIMER: This morning I just didn't make too many mistakes. I think I had two bogeys, but it was just all around solid golf.

Q. Would you say that putting is going to be what it takes tomorrow?

MADISON MESSIMER: Putting is definitely what it's going to take tomorrow. Pretty confident with my ball striking and my driver. It's just definitely going to be putting that wins it all.

Q. Is there anything in particular you're going to do to prepare your putting?

MADISON MESSIMER: I'll definitely practice more. Try to get better reads. Match my speed with my reads. That's all.

Q. Anything else you're going to do to prepare for tomorrow?

MADISON MESSIMER: Just get a good night's rest. Have to wake up early. 36 holes was a lot today and then tomorrow, so just good night's sleep.

Q. How is your confidence?

MADISON MESSIMER: I have a lot more confidence now that I made it past -- in the round of eight now. It's pretty good.

Q. More confidence than coming into the week?

MADISON MESSIMER: Yes, a lot more confidence.

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