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Waverley Country Club

Catriona Matthew

Quick Quotes

THE MODERATOR: We're here with Catriona Matthew from Scotland, solo leader after two rounds of the Senior Women's Open. How does it feel.

CATRIONA MATTHEW: Yeah, it feels great. Played well again today, so delighted to still be in the lead.

Q. Could you walk me through the round a little bit?

CATRIONA MATTHEW: Yeah, sure. I thought the pins on the front nine were quite tricky, I thought, kind of tucked a little bit, and just never really gave myself any legitimate birdie chances, and kind of messed up 3 with that funky green, and then 8 just a pure three-putt.

Then got going on the back nine, apart from 11, where I kind of took the wrong club. So desperate to get it up the false front that I went long and actually ended up making a good bogey. But nice to finish with two birdies.

Q. Talk a little bit about that birdie-birdie finish.

CATRIONA MATTHEW: Yeah, played 17 really well, actually. Hit a really good drive and then a 5 rescue to maybe eight feet. Didn't hit a very good putt for eagle and obviously made the birdie.

Then 18, my drive just went a little too far into the bunker so just had to lay up, and then just pitched on to maybe 12 feet and holed that for birdie.

Q. You obviously came into today with the lead, going into tomorrow with the lead. How does that affect your rest or recovery or anything like that?

CATRIONA MATTHEW: You know, I don't think it'll affect it. Obviously going to have a later time tomorrow, so just get some food tonight and then nice kind of easy morning, and off we go again.

Q. Then in terms of playing in the morning yesterday and in the afternoon today, did the course feel any



different?

CATRIONA MATTHEW: Yeah, played a lot different, actually. The ball was going further. I think yesterday morning it was really cold, as well, and the course was quite wet. This afternoon the ball was flying further with it being longer and it was firming up a little bit. Yeah, definitely it plays a lot shorter, but shorter doesn't always mean easier. It's still tricky.

Q. Going into tomorrow, probably in the afternoon again, how does that feel?

CATRIONA MATTHEW: Yeah, great. I think you just have to watch perhaps what you hit off some tees. Just be aware that the ball is bouncing out a little bit more.

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