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Highland Meadows Golf Club

Aditi Ashok

Quick Quotes

Q. All right, here with Aditi Ashok our current clubhouse co-leader at the Dana Open. Bogey-free round today. Six birdies. Just take us through the day today.

ADITI ASHOK: Yeah, I think I played pretty solid all day. Didn't miss a lot of greens, and when I did miss them they were sort of on the fringe or I think I only chipped once or twice. Yeah, just good ball striking and only missed a couple fairways, too, which helped.

I think the greens are obviously a little quicker coming from last week, so I think that suited me a little bit. My pace was a lot better, too. Yeah, I was holing some putts.

Q. If I remember right you played pretty well here last year, right?

ADITI ASHOK: Yes.

Q. Can you take us through what it was like coming back to Highland Meadows knowing you had played well here just not long ago?

ADITI ASHOK: Yeah, sure. I think I really like the golf course. It's something similar to what I grew up on, tree-lined and smaller greens. That's kind of how it was when I grew up back in India.

Yeah, I had my first-every top 10 on tour at this course in my, and, yeah, played well here last year.

Yeah, good memories and I think that helps sometimes.

Q. Playing today with the defending champ and another player that was right there with you in contention. Does that get the competitive juices going? Are you playing off each other knowing that someone in your group is right there with you at 6-under?



ADITI ASHOK: I think at the beginning I don't think I thought about it that much. Through the round we all made so many birdies and we were feeding off each other. I think when good rounds going in the group it sometimes rubs off on another player.

So, yeah, we had a few holes where we all three birdied the hole. It was cool to be in that group. I think we all played great today. It was a fun group.

Q. You're about to make your third Olympic start not too long from now. How are you using this week to get your game in shape and what are you looking forward to about the Paris Olympics?

ADITI ASHOK: Yeah, I think I'm looking forward to the golf course because obviously I watched the Ryder Cup play it on TV there. Haven't had a chance to lay at that course. Looks really cool. That will be fun.

This week just playing well will give me more confidence going into that week. Yeah hopefully that helps, too.

Q. What are some of those good parts of your game that you're feeling now that everything feels right?

ADITI ASHOK: Yeah, I think I've been driving it better. I think the last few weeks in general maybe hitting it not further, but definitely hitting more fairways, which has helped.

Found something with my driving. Still not perfect. Still miss a few fairways. I think that's giving me a little more consistency the last few weeks.

Yeah, if I just keep the rest of game solid, too, I think I have a good chance to maybe be in contention more this year.

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