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Whirlwind Golf Club

## Lilia Vu

### Quick Quotes

**Q. Okay, here with Lilia Vu, our clubhouse leader after the second round here at the Ford Championship.**

**Lilia, bogey-free through 36 holes. I know you said it wasn't easy out there. Can you just tell us about the day and your performance today?**

LILIA VU: Yeah, I think I wasn't thinking too much about the golf. I know I was a little stressed on the range and my caddie could kind of tell, and so he told me, we're just going to stick to or start lines today and then I'll handle everything. So I trusted him in that sense.

I think that really helped me going into the round, and just focused on the shot in front of me and getting from point A to point B that. That really kind of helped me.

So, yeah, somehow just happened to play well. Felt like everything was grooving in the right spot.

**Q. You said bogey-free wasn't easy when you were talking to Paige. What is it about this course? What has been difficult and how have you managed those obstacles?**

LILIA VU: I think I there are little run-offs around the greens, and sometimes you can get into the falses and then it's kind of tighter lies to tucked pins.

You kind of have to gauge where you're going to miss it and know that sometimes downwind you want to land it five to ten short and bounce it up.

It's been kind of difficult. I don't think the pins were particularly easy today. There were some front pins with downwind that just couldn't be stopped, but I did what I could.

**Q. Seemed like you dropped a lot of putts out there today and that was probably the key I think. What's been clicking with your putting recently that you really saw play out today?**



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LILIA VU: I think I'm just really focused over the ball. When you get that feeling like, okay, this is the putt I have in front of me, a chance to make a birdie. Just read it. You've hit the putt a million times. Just go out there and stick to your process.

**Q. I know obviously didn't feel great on the range this morning. How do you get yourself in order and get your mind in order to go shoot a round like did you today?**

LILIA VU: I think necessarily I didn't goat myself in order. I think my caddie, Cole helped me with that. I was definitely a little panicked with just the way I was hitting the ball. I was not hitting it the greatest, but making due with what I have.

**Q. Looking ahead obviously you know this position really well, top of the leaderboard. How do you continue to keep this rolling?**

LILIA VU: Yeah, I know that everybody in the field is just going to keep on making birdies, so just going to try my best and keep having the birdies drop.

**Q. We keep hearing about how firm the greens are. When the wind picks up like this, how do you change your game? Club up? Club down? I know you said you like to bounce them up sometimes.**

LILIA VU: Yeah, I think today was a little harder than yesterday with the landing spots on the approach shots.

It's kind of hard. Yesterday I feel like I was just going for pins and then today you're kind of like, oh, it's 150 but we're hitting pitching wedge downwind.

So it's kind of different, but it's not something I'm unfamiliar with. I feel like that's a lot of British Open golf.

**Q. You said there is a run-offs. Do you try to play those like low runners to bounce them up there?**

LILIA VU: Yeah, you got to pick and choose. Sometimes you have a really good lie for your chip and you may want



to hit a low spinner.

Sometimes you catch it a little fat, the bounce ricochets, and then you're ten yards past the pin. You got to choose your battles on that one and read the lies.

**Q. Do you like the wind? Does it help you focus a little sharper?**

LILIA VU: Yeah, absolutely. I don't know, just kind of cancels out the noise and you're just in your shot, in your moment.

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