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Brittany Altomare

Quick Quotes

Q. Good day for you overall, 5-under start, and I'm sure that ace helped out a little bit.

BRITTANY ALTOMARE: Yeah, it did. That was exciting. I just like heard it. It made a loud noise. It hit the pin, and usually when it does that I feel like it could go anywhere, but then it disappointed so I guess that was good.

Q. I heard over the rules radio that you had left quite a mark when it landed.

BRITTANY ALTOMARE: Yeah.

Q. Ever done that before?

BRITTANY ALTOMARE: No, not that I can remember. I couldn't believe he fixed it the way that he did, so...

Q. Good start obviously. I would imagine when you can throw up a number like that on this course, especially a course that you can go pretty low at, has to have you feeling pretty good about what's ahead for the weekend.

BRITTANY ALTOMARE: Yeah, I hit the ball really well today. Made some putts on the front. Couldn't quite get it going on my back nine, but I still felt pretty good out there.

I hit a lot of good shots, so looking forward to tomorrow.

Q. Have you ever shot a 28 before today on any nine?

BRITTANY ALTOMARE: Not in a tournament I don't think. I can't remember. Yeah.

Q. What did you hit on 17?

BRITTANY ALTOMARE: Wedge, pitching wedge.

Q. How far was the distance?

BRITTANY ALTOMARE: 108.



Q. And you said it hit the stick on the fly?

BRITTANY ALTOMARE: I think so, yeah. It just like just dunked it in. It just made a loud noise. Like I said, usually when that happens I feel like the ball goes anywhere, but it just went right in.

Q. Seems a lot of people are taking advantage of this beautiful day here. Take us through your first round at Seaview.

BRITTANY ALTOMARE: Yeah, I mean, started out pretty hot on the front nine. Just was making putts and had a chip-in, and then hole-out on 17.

So just felt like couldn't do anything wrong on the front nine, which was great.

Q. That front nine included that hole-in-one that you just talked about. Take us through that and what was so special about it and did you realize it had gone in right away?

BRITTANY ALTOMARE: I think was a little shocked because it hit the pin pretty hard, and I feel like usually in my experience when it does that the ball could just go anywhere. It hits the pin and just ricochets. It disappeared. I kind of like looked for a second like, Where did that go?

So that was good.

Q. Yeah, we heard that it hit the hole pretty hard there. What does that do for you -- you're about halfway through your round -- to a hole-out here at a course like Seaview?

BRITTANY ALTOMARE: Yeah, it just gives you good momentum throughout your round. I feel like when that happens it's just so unexpected. Just don't realize it's coming, but it's always a nice surprise.

Q. I know we haven't seen you through ANA, but what have you been focusing on getting ready for an event like this and then KPMG around the corner?

BRITTANY ALTOMARE: Yeah, I like to do a lot of wedges

. . . when all is said, we're done.

and short game and putting. Not really a big range rat I guess you could say.

So I just focused a lot on my wedges and putting just trying to get ready. I feel like even a major championship the most important thing is your short game.

Q. With the ace too we have the \$20,000 that gets donated to St. Jude's. What does that mean to you to know something like an ace can lead to something so good?

BRITTANY ALTOMARE: Yeah, it's awesome that CME does that. I think last year they spent a lot of money, which is pretty cool. I'm just happy that I could contribute in some way to a great cause.

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