Pelican Women's Championship

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Lizette Salas

Quick Quotes

Q. All right, here with Lizette Salas after her first round at the Pelican Women's Championship. You had a really great round from the start. How do you get off to such a good start today and run that long train of birdies until the very last hole?

LIZETTE SALAS: That is a great question to start off with. I think just my mentality coming in. I didn't have a great first impression with this golf course last year, so I kind of came in with a different mentality. Kind of knew what kind of shots this course demands.

Put in a new driver and new ball, so kind of took it as I went. Stayed aggressive. Made a really good par on the first hole, and I think that really just sets the tone or the pace for the rest of the day. Just stayed aggressive and had a little nice chip-in on the last hole.

So my short game has been feeling really good the last four events, so just trying to stay with that consistency and just minimize any mistakes off the tee.

Q. What is it about the course that challenged you that you took into account this year?

LIZETTE SALAS: I think I was trying to fight the wind so much; here it's more adapting to that wind and kind of allowing my game to complement the wind, not fight it.

Again, it's not that windy, so I get to be aggressive-- be aggressive on the par-5s. I think the first few on the back side the pin placements were a little tricky, so, yeah just tried to stay patient and stick to my game plan.

Q. Did you change ball and driver with the wind in mind?

LIZETTE SALAS: No. They just -- I had been struggling a little bit with the driver. Struggled a little bit in Korea. The rep stepped in on Tuesday and we worked on it.



And then Titleist came out with a new ball and lower spin, and tried it, and let's see how to work, and it's been working out really well.

Q. Did you unlock something in Arkansas? Last few weeks have been really nice form. Anything you saw there that gave you some momentum?

LIZETTE SALAS: Yeah, we been working on a few posture changes with my putting, which really helps my stroke.

And then we kind of just went back to kind of like my go-to swing thoughts back in 2013 and '14 when I was really striking it well. Yeah, we came in with some oldie but goodie swing tips, and it's been working quite well.

Again, communication with my swing coach and getting my body in the right positions, it's been working really well.

Q. How did not having the round yesterday impact preparation for today? When you're so used to starting on a Thursday and you start on a Friday, how does that kind of change?

LIZETTE SALAS: You can take it two different ways: You can get frustrated or you can kind of just take it as it goes, and you need to come out even more aggressive on Friday knowing that it's only a three-day event.

I kind of liked having another day off, to be honest. Knowing the conditions were going to be softer obviously, not going to get a lot of roll out, so really depended on my hybrids to be aggressive and really just made some good putts.

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