

Honda LPGA Thailand

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Pattaya, Thailand

Siam Country Club Pattaya, Old Course

Esther Henselit

Quick Quotes

Q. Esther, what a round. Nine birdies; no dropped shots; lowest round on the LPGA Tour. What would you say was the key today?

ESTHER HENSELEIT: I just didn't make any big mistakes I think. My irons were good. On my first nine I had many tap-in birdies; on the back nine I holed like two longer putts.

But just stress-free golf, and, yeah, it's nice to get a few birdies.

Q. And just last month you defended your title in Kenya. Do you think that was a continuation of that good form?

ESTHER HENSELEIT: Well, it was really different golf course. It was very firm and windy there; this is more wet and you can be a bit more aggressive.

So I think it's a bit different, but it's of course nice to have that win for the season and have a bit of confidence going into the year.

Q. And what are your plans for the afternoon?

ESTHER HENSELEIT: I think I'm going to shower. It's very warm out here so I really need that.

And then, yeah, just maybe practice a little bit, but not much, and then just chill out a bit.

Q. I wanted to ask a few more specifics.

ESTHER HENSELEIT: Yeah.

Q. So what, nine birdies today. Is 63 your low round like...

ESTHER HENSELEIT: Yeah, it is.

Q. Nice.

ESTHER HENSELEIT: Yeah. Had a few 8-unders but never 9-under, so...

Q. Good feeling, and especially the first time you're



competing on a golf course. (Laughter.)

ESTHER HENSELEIT: Yeah. (Laughter.)

Q. What are your thoughts on the golf course here? As I said, your first time here in Thailand playing this event.

ESTHER HENSELEIT: Yeah, first time here but three years ago I played the LET tournament in Thailand here on a course not very far away from here and I didn't play very good there, so it's good memory to come back to Thailand.

I really like the course. I think -- I mean, it's definitely a low scoring course. You can be aggressive. Yeah, just many holes you can like attack with either your drive or par-5 with the second.

So I think it's really fun golf course. And, yeah.

Q. When you survive the heat, though.

ESTHER HENSELEIT: It is very warm, but I feel like it's not as warm as last week, but you sweat more.

Q. Yes.

ESTHER HENSELEIT: Yeah. Well, I do like warm weather. I always feel like my body is working a bit better when it's warm.

Q. Really?

ESTHER HENSELEIT: Much better than like cold temperatures. So I do like it in the end.

Q. All right. One last question from me: Nine birdies. Any of them that particularly stood out to you, like a good save or anything? Was it just a solid day?

ESTHER HENSELEIT: Just really solid day. I mean, I holed like two-putt that were like seven meters, but the rest was under. I had two two-putt birdies, and, yeah, like two tap-in birdies.

Q. Uh-huh.



ESTHER HENSELEIT: Yeah.

Q. So your iron play was dialed in today.

ESTHER HENSELEIT: Yeah, pretty good.

Q. Did you feel that before you were going out there? Did you feel comfortable in how you were playing?

ESTHER HENSELEIT: I played well last week but I didn't score well and my body didn't feel 100%, so took a bit of time off like the beginning of the week. A bit more relaxing and, yeah, just feel better.

Swing feels good. Changes I made over the winter are coming together, and I hope that I can keep on doing like this.

Q. Fingers crossed.

ESTHER HENSELEIT: Thank you.

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