

# Honda LPGA Thailand

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Pattaya, Thailand

Siam Country Club Pattaya, Old Course

## Madelene Sagstrom

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**Q. Madelene, excellent playing through 36 holes. 10-under par. Just the one dropped shot. I was speaking to Patty about ten minutes ago and she mentioned how she stalled a little bit in the back nine. Sei Young Kim dropped a couple shots on the back nine, as too did Danielle Kang. Was it playing a little bit more difficult on the back side as the wind got up?**

MADELENE SAGSTROM: I think I got really tired. I was just trying to hold on for dear life. Not necessarily. There are some tricky pins out there, but the heat should get to all of us. I think it's just trying to really stay in it.

I felt like, okay, focus now. You're about to really fall apart if you don't do anything good. I'm happy that I kept it together in the end. Obviously would've liked another two birdies in the back nine, but I started so solid so I can't complain.

**Q. Excellent start. We've marveled at how far you're hitting it off the tee, and straight as well. How much of an advantage that on a golf course like this being able to take bunkers and trouble out of play?**

MADELENE SAGSTROM: It's an advantage when you hit it in the fairway, but not behind the trees. I have seen a few. Of course definitely makes it a little bit easier. I know when I have a good ball striking day I have an advantage, so I think just trying to take advantage of that.

I rolled the putter really well on the front nine today. It is good, but I also need to keep it on the planet.

**Q. You played alongside Ludvig Aberg at the Grant Thornton Invitational a couple months ago. He has been a phenomenon since turning pro a year ago. You're winner out here. This is your eighth season on the LPGA Tour. What were you able to learn from each other's game in tournament play there?**

MADELENE SAGSTROM: I think for me watching him, he still has that young mentality. Like he's not scared. I can sometimes be out there like I don't want to be left here, I don't want to do that. He's much for present than I am myself sometimes.

I bring experience to the game. I know how to pace myself, kind of how I work the best. That takes years to figure out. How often do you play, how much do you play, where do I play better.

We added really good stuff to each other's games, but I do wish I had a little bit of that fearless mind. Like he goes for everything. He does not care yet. Hopefully he never cares. No, it's very impressive.

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