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Shadow Creek

Madelene Sagstrom

Quick Quotes

Q. All right, here with Madelene Sagstrom after her second round here at the T-Mobile Match Play presented by MGM Rewards. Very solid 3&2 victory today over Minjee Lee. Take us through the round.

MADELENE SAGSTROM: Needs of I was had our A-game today so we had to grind a little bit. I started off with -- made birdie on the first. Always nice when you're up early. I was 2-up after 3 I think it was, so I knew I had like decent game in me.

It was struggling a little bit with contact with my shots, and this golf course is so good so you really can't miss too much out here or you're in trouble.

I relied on my putter and hit some really nice short game shots. In the end, it's match play. You have to grind out there. Some holes -- I made a really big mess on 6 and I said, at least you can only lose one hole in this thing. That's the mindset you have to have: Forget the past and focus on the present.

Q. Obviously big match play veteran, all the Solheims you've played in. How much do you lean on that experience versus kind of just playing the course that's in front of you and round in front of you when you get into some of those rounds?

MADELENE SAGSTROM: I definitely think having a lot of match play under my belt is good. Definitely helped a lot. I've been quite a good singles players in match play. For some reason I think it helps me being -- I think what I'm trying to work on when I play normal tournaments is being in the present. Here you really can't. And having high acceptance.

Like you can hit bad golf shots, but that doesn't mean you have to lose the match or lose a hole. So I have already grinded quite hard out there and I can make a lot of birdies which think helps in match play.

Q. When you are in a match and so you went 2-up and



Minjee fought back; got even there. What are you telling yourself as you're watching your lead slip away? On the inverse, what are you telling yourself when you're see your lead grow back up to 3-up?

MADELENE SAGSTROM: In the middle I wasn't hitting the ball as well as I wanted to, and I knew if i actually want to give myself a chance here I need to step it up and do something.

It was more kind of turn my own game around. I went to my toolbox and looked at what can we do to improve the strike here, got a little nasty.

I just went in there, fixed a few things, and found some really nice contact starting from 10. Hit a lovely second nice shot into 10. Hit a really nice drive on 11 and a good chip shot.

I think that brought back some momentum knowing I can hit in the center of the face. I knew I was rolling the putter well. So just give myself chances again.

And, yeah, Minjee didn't play well on 12 so I got one there, and then holed a really nice putt on 13; just created a bit of momentum.

Q. Obviously played here many, many time. What is it about Shadow that makes it such a great match play course?

MADELENE SAGSTROM: I think you have to be -- to play really well here you have to be so precise. The landing zones are zero to none. You're playing 4 and it's like you have about a five to ten yard bubble you can land it on to have a perfect kick. I think it's a very tricky course, so when you're playing well you can do that.

But at the same time, if you have good short game, good putting, you can get away with it. This year it's kind of nice. The rough isn't as thick as it was last year. So it's good. The wind has been tricky.

Today we were like, well, lights invariable and everywhere, so it's hard. But at the same time, it's such of a beautiful



golf course. Greens are perfect. It's a course where you can let go of a double bogey knowing you have birdies in front of you.

Q. 2-0; only 2-0 member in your pod. What's the mindset heading into tomorrow knowing all you need to do is maybe halve a match to advance to the round of 16?

MADELENE SAGSTROM: I think just go out to keep playing. If you advance past the pod you're going to have to win every match to win this week. So I think just going out there, keep hitting the shots, keep making good decisions. I felt today Shane and I had -- we made a lot of good decisions. I hit the shots. Sometimes didn't really work out where we wanted to, but just have that mindset again. Just keep growing my game.

Haven't had the best start to the year, so just keep practicing and getting better and just trying to pull off those shots.

Q. We've seen your mom out here with you.

MADELENE SAGSTROM: Yeah.

Q. Does she come to a lot of your events and how great is it to have that support here this week?

MADELENE SAGSTROM: I mean, my dad came to Bradenton which was really nice. I've always had a lot of support from them coming out to tournaments. They love traveling.

Next week she's coming back to Orlando with me. It's just nice to have her here. Gives you a little bit of perspective to see how excited and happy she is to be out here. Knowing how much they've done for me growing up and all the travel we've done, it's just nice to be able to give back a little bit.

I mean, she's laying in bed looking over Vegas at night, you know. It makes you feel good.

Q. Any fun mother/daughter activities on the strip?

MADELENE SAGSTROM: We've just been doing a lot of good dinners. That's kind of been my plan. I laid in bed one of the first evenings, I'm like let's just book everything. Just been doing that, just hanging out. We don't get to see each other so much, probably few times a year. It's just nice to hang out and have the good chat.

Q. What's been the best meal?

MADELENE SAGSTROM: My biggest weakness in life is ramen. Had really good ramen two nights ago. Last night we had really good Italian. Food is good here, so can't really go wrong.

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