T-Mobile Match Play presented by MGM Rewards

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Lauren Coughlin

Quick Quotes

Q. Okay, here with Lauren Coughlin at the T-Mobile Match Play presented by MGM Rewards. It was quite the battle out there today. Can you just describe the fight you guys had out there?

LAUREN COUGHLIN: Yeah, all week. I've had a battle all week. I was 4-down through, what, 7, or -- yeah, 6, something like that. I was 4-down at one point.

Yeah, I fought the whole way. Started to hit some really good shots. She hits it so far. In the first like seven holes kind of really played to that. They can be a little bit -- not that I don't hit it -- not that I hit it short, but just some of those greens, if you hit it higher and softer and longer they can be a lot more gettable.

I have to play super just conservative those holes.

But then the back nine kind of suits me a little bit better and I can -- that's kind of what happened all week. No, it was a great match. Madelene played great; I played great. It got all the way to the 18th, so...

Q. What are you going to take away most from this week?

LAUREN COUGHLIN: That I can play 72 holes in two days, which I didn't know I could do that. But, no, again, I think it's just who I am as a player, is a grinder, and I fought all the way to the end.

Q. What do you take from your golf game, especially heading into a major, a big stretch of golf?

LAUREN COUGHLIN: Yeah, I feel like I saw parts of my game be really solid in every single match and parts not great. So I don't feel like I played my best golf this week and I still almost won. I think that's a lot of positives I can take away. Still some stuff to work on, but I think it's a really positive direction going into the meat of the season.

Q. When you rally the way you did and take the lead,





is there also the mental grind of trying to keep that momentum going at that point?

LAUREN COUGHLIN: For sure. Again, I felt like I really took advantage of those 8 through 12 pretty much all week. And then 13 is just such a hard hole that you have to tr to play it out left. If you get too far left those chips are really, really brutal.

Yeah, I don't think I ran out of gas at all. I feel like the adrenaline kept me through, all day, all day yesterday. Felt worse yesterday afternoon than I did today actually.

Yeah, I just kind of lost it there a little bit at the end. Just didn't get any putts to go. Other than that I feel like I played really, really good golf today.

Q. How difficult is it when the weather warms up and the greens get so fast? You hit a good approach shot and it still winds up off the green.

LAUREN COUGHLIN: Yeah, that's the challenge of this golf course and why it's both fun and extremely difficult at the same time. You can hit some really cool shots off some banks and stuff, but also if you get on the wrong side of those it's really, really tough.

It's hard to judge like, okay, when is the ball starting to go far? And then, okay, when is it not going far anymore? Okay, how much is it going to release? Is this one going to release a ton? Is it not. That's just the challenge of the golf course.

Q. When you think on 16 you have to hit almost the perfect chip shot, either way it's just bad news.

LAUREN COUGHLIN: Yeah, there was a lot of 0-- it was kind of sitting up and there was some grass behind it and it just hit like a pillow off my ball, off my club face. Just kind of unfortunate.

I thought I hit a really good shot in there. It just caught this slope at the end. I thought I stuffed it really. I wish I could have that one back a little bit and maybe play a little bit more out to the left than I did.

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

It is what it is. She hit a really good shot there as well. I just didn't quite get it done.

Q. Lauren, by my account you played 127 holes this week. Did you ever imagine coming in here that you would have to do that?

LAUREN COUGHLIN: No. Like I said, I didn't know I could play 72 holes in two days. I'm pretty impressed how I'm feeling physically and mentally. I'm pretty tired, but the fact that I was able to do it and play solid golf the whole time I'm pretty proud of.

Q. Are you looking forward to getting to a course where you can do some pin hunting for a change?

LAUREN COUGHLIN: Yeah, I mean, I like courses like this. Maybe not quite to this extreme.

Q. And not every week.

LAUREN COUGHLIN: Yeah, not every week, exactly.

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