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Golf Clubs at The Tribute

Sarah Kemp

Quick Quotes

Q. All right, joined by Sara Kemp. Sara, 4-under on the day. What was working so well, particularly on the back nine? You went bogey-free on the back with the three birdies in a row to end the round.

SARAH KEMP: Bit of everything. I hit some really good shots. I hit close one, I think I had like four feet on 16.

17 I probably got maybe a 15-footer.

Sorry, I got that wrong.

15 I hit it close.

16 I holed about a maybe 15-, 20-footer.

Then 18 I had like maybe three or four feet as well.

So good shots, couple good putts. Yeah, super stoked to finish the round like that.

Q. Absolutely. A little bit up and down on the front. Was there anything mentally you changed or anything you changed as you made the turn to have such a round on the back?

SARAH KEMP: You know, it's a weird story. I think maybe I just calmed down a little bit. This morning, I've been trying to get a Japanese visa, and I think I may. I got my COE this morning. My caddie and I were super excited because we really want to play the tournament in Japan. Looks like I may be able to get the visa now with that piece of paper.

So we were just so pumped up. We weren't even talking about golf. We were like, okay, where are we going to go eat in Japan? So I think I just -- the back nine like calmed down and it sort of kicked into gear. Really just not even thinking about golf on the front nine.



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Q. Do you play some of your best golf when it's like that, you and your caddie, just chatting about anything in life and really not so locked in? Do you find yourself in that?

SARAH KEMP: I think a lot of people do. I mean, yeah, for me, sure. Like sometimes you can get really serious, so I think it's important to switch off in between shots and have a good time out there.

We're out there for quite a while, so might as well enjoy it while we're doing it.

Q. Outside of the talk, what will you take from this round into tomorrow and for the weekend?

SARAH KEMP: I think that it's funny, last week I didn't play that great, but previous to that I've been playing pretty good. So it was nice to sort of erase last week and that didn't sort of bleed over into this week.

So, yeah, taking it as last week was just an off week.

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