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Golf Clubs at The Tribute

Lexi Thompson

Quick Quotes

Q. Lexi Thompson, really good round today.

LEXI THOMPSON: Thanks.

Q. What was different today versus yesterday?

LEXI THOMPSON: You know, honestly I played good both days. Hit a lot of solid shots. Probably would say that I didn't make as many putts yesterday as I did today.

Overall, not much different. Just tried to feed off the good birdies I made today and keep it going, keep the pedal down.

Q. The key out here has been just dropping putts. What is it about this golf course that makes putting so important?

LEXI THOMPSON: Yeah, as this course firms up it's important to get the fairway shots down and play for the bounce-out off the tees.

As it firms up balls are rolling about 40, 50 yards once it hits the fairway, so really just getting yourself placed for the second shot going into the greens.

And then there is a lot of birdie holes out there as long as it doesn't get super windy and gusty. You have to take advantage of those, so making those putts when you can is very important.

Q. You've talked a lot about your ball striking this year. What have you been working on in your ball striking that has improved over the last couple weeks, months?

LEXI THOMPSON: There's just been a few things that I've been really focusing on and doing certain exercises in the gym as well, making sure that everything is firing properly. Nothing in particular. Really just zoning into a few of those



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things and tightening those up.

Q. As you're working your way into the CME Group Tour Championship, how important are these past couple weeks, and how is that goal just helping to motivate your game, I guess?

LEXI THOMPSON: Yeah, it's very important. You know, I'm not thinking every time I tee it up that I want to make it into CME. Of course that's a very big event and one of the best on our schedule and I definitely want to be there, but I'm just trying to play good golf.

I know that I've been putting in the time and the hard work, so just seeing it pay off is all I want, and continuing to build on that. I know the sky is the limit if I continue to work hard and see that improvement.

Q. How do you take advantage of a good round like this today heading into moving day when shooting another low score is important?

LEXI THOMPSON: Just building off the positives from today. Hit a lot of good chips out there, hit a lot of good putts, and a lot of solid golf shots. I just really committed to a lot out there. That is really all I've been trying to build on.

So take the positives, get a good night's rest, and come out and do it the next two days.

Q. Lexi, going back to Solheim and then the past couple weeks before that, you talked this year about you've been really working on your game. The game is all about peaks and valleys, right?

LEXI THOMPSON: Uh-huh.

Q. Just talk about the momentum leading into Solheim and the momentum that you had in Solheim and how it's carried into this week?

LEXI THOMPSON: Yeah, golf is a crazy game. It has so many ups and downs. I know I've been putting in the hard work and the time out in the practice facilities and putting in time for my ball striking.

It was just seeing it improve and working on the correct things. I really believe that I got on the right track before

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Solheim, and I knew Solheim usually brings out the best golf in me because it's kind of what I live for, what I play for, to be able to represent my country.

So to be able to play amazing golf there with my team and for my captain was a huge honor for me. Just trying to build off that and continue to work hard and see those improvements, that's all I want to do, and continue to build on that.

Q. Last one. Was there any particular round or practice round where something kind of kicked back in and clicked and kind of just carried you forward?

LEXI THOMPSON: I would say just my practicing before Solheim. I had a week or two then and I really focused in on doing something in particular with my ball striking, and it really helped out tremendously.

It was a tough change and I'm continuing to build on it, but it was a change that needed to be done.

So yeah, just taking that positive. I knew it was moving in the right direction so I was like, all right, I'm going to stick with this.

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