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Plantation Golf and Country Club

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Quick Quotes

Q. Solid round, 4-under on the Bobcat course. How did you play today? How do you feel?

GABBY LEMIEUX: Honestly, I felt like I just wanted to take one shot at a time. We ended up talking with a guy before the round even started. He even broke it down even further, he said, take it one breath at a time, which I feel like that's the way you really have to work with Q-school that way because it's a long four days, anything can happen. I was just telling my competitors, it's a long, long round for all four days.

But no, I felt really comfortable out there. Jared was trying to keep me light and happy, which is my caddie. Yeah, it was just fun to see some putts go in.

Q. So you've been here before; what experience did you bring into the week with you from your time on the Symetra and having played Q-school prior?

GABBY LEMIEUX: I think with Symetra first, I think it was kind of a good thing for me. This is my sixth week out here not going home, so I had kind of a momentum builder coming into this. Started to make putts a few weeks ago, which was really, really nice to see, so coming into here, making putts is what you need to do at Q-school, but I think knowing the course knowledge prior to coming here -- I've been here twice, so this will be my third year, so knowing that, it definitely helps.

Q. On the Bobcat course that's had recently renovated greens, were you expecting to feel that comfortable this early?

GABBY LEMIEUX: Not really. I kind of just went with my gut. Usually Jared helps me out with putting, but he ended up not doing that today, because he's like, just go out there and feel the way the putt is going to go in the hole, and I said, all right, let's just do that. It ended up going really well. So it's a little different from the way it's been the last two years that I've been here, but they're still really good.



Q. Jared is your husband, correct?

GABBY LEMIEUX: Yes.

Q. Looking ahead to tomorrow, you're playing the Panther course that is a little more forgiving from what I've heard as far as ball-striking goes. What's the mindset headed into tomorrow with a 4-under under your belt already?

GABBY LEMIEUX: I think I just want to get myself to feel comfortable. Switching courses, it's kind of a little different change because you're going to some faster speeds on the Panther course, so it'll be a little bit tricky, I think, on those terms, but other than that I'm just going to go out there and hit as many fairways and as many greens as I can.

Q. Having had six weeks in a row, how do you keep your energy up heading into what is a grueling week here?

GABBY LEMIEUX: I had a really good off week, actually, refreshed, refueled, stayed with a really nice lady. Her name is Laura. We stayed out in Jupiter. But no, it was nice, relaxing, and I think that helped coming into this week.

Q. We heard your Drive On story earlier this year, which is really, really cool. Have you talked to Notah recently before your berth at Q-school?

GABBY LEMIEUX: No, I haven't talked to him for about a week now, but I think he kind of knows, once I get into the week, he normally doesn't really talk to me just because he wants my head on straight really. But if things were going a little rougher, he'll definitely shoot me a text or give me a call and say, hey, you've got this. Just get back on track, hit the shots you know how to hit and keep on moving.

Q. What is it like for you to have the support of somebody like that in the community that you're in?

GABBY LEMIEUX: I think honestly, it's amazing, just to have somebody who's already filled those shoes, somebody who's already been there. On top of him being



native American, I think is so helpful because he knows what to say because he knows already what I'm thinking, so when we're talking on the phone, I'm talking about my putting, and I'll say I missed a few putts today that were a foot and a half, but he'll say, you've got it, go out and practice a few, roll them in and tomorrow you've got it.

Q. For somebody who is a native American and obviously there's not a lot of golfers that are, what would it mean for you to get your card? I don't want to ask you that on a Thursday, but what would it mean to move on to Q-Series and eventually lock up that card for girls like you?

GABBY LEMIEUX: I think ultimately it would be amazing, not only being a native American, but it feels like nothing, but there was always golf. Golf was always there for me and I always played really well, but just to be the first native American women's professional golfer on the LPGA, I think, speaks thousands of words. I hope, I just hope that maybe one girl, one native American girl who's playing golf right now would see that and they'd want to do that, too.

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