

LPGA Qualifying Tournament Stage II

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Plantation Golf and Country Club

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Quick Quotes

Q. Colorful scorecard, kind of crazy day. Take us through your round.

PAULINE ROUSSIN-BOUCHARD: Well, it was a very good round golf-wise. I had a poor lie on the second hole, and I misjudged the way I wanted to hit it, or I didn't pay attention to the lie enough, so I chunked it in the water. So that was the first mistake.

The second mistake was -- well, the three-putt happened, but I had many opportunities, good putts and very good shots, and then on 17 my hand slipped. It slid off the club and the ball went in the water, and I didn't save the bogey.

Then I had a mud ball on 18, and I was like, yay.

A couple holes where I had a lack of chance a little bit, but I tried to keep my head up and just keep doing what I wanted to do and stick to my process.

You know, it's not a sprint, it's a marathon, so -- things like that happen in a four-round tournament. It's part of the game, and sometimes it's just the game. So good day, but just the game.

Q. On the second hole, early start, you obviously birdied the first, doubled the second. Are you the player that gets angry and it's like, hammer down, let's go, or do you just stay calm, cool and collected and it'll come to me. I just stayed calm. It was obvious for me the mistake I did on this shot, and I was like, okay, next.

Then I saved a good par on the third hole by holing like four meters, something like that.

I just tried to stay patient. I was like, it's dumb, but it's the game. I mean, I have so many holes left and two days and a half -- more than a half. I was like, it's just a game.

Q. On your birdie holes, quite a few of those today. Were you rolling the rock pretty well or what was --



PAULINE ROUSSIN-BOUCHARD: Well, I am 4-under on the par-5s, so that helps a lot, obviously. I could reach two of them and then mis-hit my first shot on the tee so I couldn't really go for the green, so I just had good wedges into the green and then pretty close to the pin. I just tapped it in.

Then for the other birdies, had some good putts. Some were very close. As I was saying, very good day of golf, just misfortunes on two holes, and 18.

Q. Headed into the weekend, you'll be kind of looking up the leaderboard just a little bit. What are some of your goals for Saturday and Sunday?

PAULINE ROUSSIN-BOUCHARD: I'll just keep doing what I do, what I've been doing. I mean, obviously it's not like every tournament, but at the same time the process I'm using and all the routines I have are like any other tournament, so I'll just stick to that and keep working hard because I try to go and see after this week and see what I want to improve because there's always ways to improve.

I know what I want to learn from. I just enjoy good shots and then take experience when there's some bad ones, so that's the mentality for the rest of the week.

Q. In these kind of rounds you almost see a glimpse of greatness with how low you can actually go. How do you taper your expectations to kind of be realistic?

PAULINE ROUSSIN-BOUCHARD: I mean, it's like, there is something that is slow me down, so I'm like, okay, fine, then I'll just push harder but in a smart way, not like too hard or push or be in a rush, rush things. I think it's a mistake to avoid. So I'll just stick to my process, just stay patient, and it's all about the finish, so I'll just stick to that.

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