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Quick Quotes

Q. What a day, what a week.

MADDI CALDWELL YOUNG: Yes.

Q. Just take us through some of your highlights today.

MADDI CALDWELL YOUNG: I actually started off kind of rough but just slow. I think I made a birdie -- I don't even know when I made a birdie, but I made a few bogeys and I think I made most of my birdies on the back nine.

So just a little bit slow. Putting was a little bit better than yesterday. Hit to a few shots closer to the hole today than yesterday so just allowed for more looks.

Q. You seem to have had every odd that could work against you work against you in the past couple years. What does it mean to break through, get a berth in Q-Series, and have a chance at your card?

MADDI CALDWELL YOUNG: Oh, gosh, it's going to make me cry. I'm a little bit speechless. It's been really good. Feels really good. I can't say anything else besides that.

Q. Well, we can talk about something happier. It's your one year wedding anniversary today.

MADDI CALDWELL YOUNG: That may make me cry, too.

Q. How hyped is the husband?

MADDI CALDWELL YOUNG: I'm sure he's hyped. We're going to go have some good dinner and have a glass of wine and we have some letters -- pizza, he's going to have pizza. We have some letters to open to each other. We put a bottle of wine in a box and some letters so we could open it at our one year, so we're going to do that.

Q. That sounds nice. A lot of people are planning to take some time. Do you have any events planned before Alabama?



MADDI CALDWELL YOUNG: No, I actually have a wedding in Mexico that we're going to, so I'll probably bring my clubs and play and just have some fun out there.

But other than that, I don't have anything planned. I'm just going to take a few days off after this and regroup and keep going.

Q. Two weeks in a row, grueling as Q-Series can be, what's that going to be like mentally and physically for you?

MADDI CALDWELL YOUNG: Same as this. Just every day just try to keep grinding it out even if you don't have your best stuff and keep chasing birdies.

Q. You told me a few days ago Joe is a new caddie. Is Joe going to come with you to Q-Series?

MADDI CALDWELL YOUNG? He is. I think he and I actually get along really well and it was total God thing that we met, and I'm really glad that he came here and it worked out and got four days under par, so it was good.

Q. Do you mind explaining the God thing. How did you meet?

MADDI CALDWELL YOUNG: So I was on the 9th green at the LPGA Monday at the ShopRite and he was coming out. He was caddieing for Louise Ridderström for that, and then he said he didn't really have anything else this week and nothing else for the rest of the week, but he was not going to be able to caddie for me for Q-Series because he was going to be caddieing for Ridderström but texted him and she was going to take her mom, so ended up being free for that week too, so just fell into place for both of us so really special.

Q. You're from a small town. You had kind of a classic went out and beat balls at an old farm course.

MADDI CALDWELL YOUNG: Yes.

Q. What does it mean to be amongst players that have



had upper echelon careers and be representing the small town girl?

MADDI CALDWELL YOUNG: Right, that's a good question. I think that growing up in a small town gives you a little bit of nerves when you get to the bigger stage. But like it makes you chase it more I think, so I feel like I just keep chasing things and keep trying to get as good as I can and keep getting as good as these girls out here.

That's -- I don't know.

Q. What are you most looking forward to at Q-Series?

MADDI CALDWELL YOUNG: How long it's going to be actually. You can -- I don't know. I feel like with how long it is you can -- I don't even know. I don't know how to describe what I'm trying to say.

Q. Take some more time to prep or not have to stress out as much?

MADDI CALDWELL YOUNG: I think there is a cut after four days, right? Yeah. I don't know. I think some people that might be daunting. It's not daunting for me. I'm excited.

Q. Awesome. You told us your wedding anniversary plans. Plans for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday?

MADDI CALDWELL YOUNG: Drive home tomorrow, sleep a lot, eat a lot. I didn't eat hardly at all during these rounds because I was just so nervous. Yeah, eat and sleep.

Q. Now that it's done is that weight off your shoulders?

MADDI CALDWELL YOUNG: Yeah, like I said yesterday, I'm never okay. I'm okay now. (Laughter.) We're good.

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