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Aviara Golf Club

Nanna Koerstz Madsen

Quick Quotes

Q. Here with Nanna Koerstz Madsen after a stellar 6-under 66 to kick off this week at the JTBC Classic Presented by Barbasol. You had an eagle on the card, 25 putts, five birdies. Just take us through your round.

NANNA KOERSTZ MADSEN: Yeah, I'm very pleased with the score. I think I only hit maybe four fairways, so I was struggling -- I was not really struggling off the tee, was just a first cut, but on these greens sometimes it can be hard coming from the rough.

But, yeah, I made some good putts out there, which I maybe wasn't expecting only having 25 putts today, but it was good.

Q. Walk us through the eagle on 8.

NANNA KOERSTZ MADSEN: I pulled the driver a little bit to the left, end up in the rough, and then I had a 6-iron to the green. Hit a little high in the face, which actually only just carried the water, and then end up having a two meter putt for an eagle, maybe two and a half.

Made the putt.

Q. Well, what did you find? I know we've been talking about the poa all week. It's always a conversation when we come to this golf course. What have you found? We talked about patience early in the week.

NANNA KOERSTZ MADSEN: Well, I actually saw the comment that Inbee made the other day, and I just thought it was really cool that the queen of putting is saying that. That gives yourself a little -- I mean, if she can say that, then I should not expect to make everything out there.

So I really learned a lot from that comment from her.

Q. Heard a lot of players say a similar thing: Queen Bee told all. But standing over putts like that, six feet for eagle, what's the thought process? Hit and hope?



NANNA KOERSTZ MADSEN: Yeah, when you go into the putt you look at all the bumpy stuff. Then when you're over the putt you just got to realize, okay, if I make a good putt -- bang a good stroke, that's the best thing I can do, and hopefully it will go in.

I did make a lot of good strokes. Yes, sometimes it's bumpy, but sometimes comes in again, so, yeah.

Q. So you said you struggled a little bit off the tee. Is this a golf course that it's kind of a premium hitting it into the fairway, or do you feel like you can spray it a little and get around?

NANNA KOERSTZ MADSEN: I mean, it always makes it easier if you hit the fairways, but the rough is not terrible, so I can get out of it.

But obviously you want to hit more than four fairways.

Q. This being your first start since getting that first win, how do you feel differently? How has it affected you this week?

NANNA KOERSTZ MADSEN: I do think it took some of the nerves of like I really want to win, I really want to do my best. Now I have that off my back.

But I still want to win and I still come here and fight to finish I have win and play as good as I can. But it does take a little bit of pressure maybe off your shoulder winning right before here.

Q. What do you feel like you learned from that experience that can help you this week?

NANNA KOERSTZ MADSEN: Staying patient for sure. All week in Thailand I was being very patient. I was playing my game itself was playing more patient. Nicki is helping me a lot with my aim at the green, not going too aggressive at the flags.

I think the key word for me is just staying patient.

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