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Ingrid Lindblad

Quick Quotes



Q. Okay, I am here with Ingrid Lindblad after her second round at El Cabellero, and what a round it was; 9-under par. Just tell me about the day and if you felt like you were shooting a career low round out there.

INGRID LINDBLAD: I was thinking about it after my third birdie in a row on hole 13 I think. I was like, oh, I'm a lot under par. Then I didn't really get ahead of myself, but I was thinking about it. I just read the greens really well so it was like every putt I stood over I'm like, okay, this has a chance to go in.

So read the greens really well. Made a couple of these like good 10-footers, 17 footers, so it wasn't just tap-ins, tap-ins for par.

Even made par on the two shortest par-5s which -- birdied the other two par-5s, but the two shorter ones I only made par.

Feel like it could have been lower, too.

Q. For those who don't know, you're telling us your career low round under par.

INGRID LINDBLAD: On a 72-hole course I've never gone lower than 64. 63 is my -- well, it's my lowest round to par, 9-under, but I shot 62 on a par-70 course. 63 out here is a lot better than the course I shot 62 at.

Q. Is there a time you ever recall making that many birdies in a round? That's what, ten birdies out there?

INGRID LINDBLAD: I think I shot like a bogey-free 8-under with eight birdies, but I don't think I've ever made ten birdies in a round.

And it's not often -- I think I hit all greens and made ten birdies out of those.

Q. Yeah. You did. I don't know if you're a history buff, Annika, how much do you know about what she did here at El Cab in 2003 and 2004?

INGRID LINDBLAD: I have seen the banner that she has

won here, but I don't know much more than that.

Q. Just after coming off a round like this heading into the weekend, how much more confidence does this give you knowing that you can go low and birdie and hit all these greens in regulation?

INGRID LINDBLAD: I mean, a lot, because I was standing on the driving range yesterday, and yesterday the first couple holes I couldn't hit the center of the face with the driver.

It was like high, low. I don't know if anyone saw my driving distance on hole 11; it was 206 yards and it was because I hit a low right and it caught a tree.

So kind of hit a couple balls on the range yesterday, worked on my ball position, and just put it a hair higher up in my stance and hit my driver a lot better today, which I feel like if you're confident on the tee, then you know you have a better shot at hitting the fairway, giving yourself a good position into the greens.

Then obviously read the greens really well, so hoping I can keep doing that into the weekend.

Q. Can you talk about your year? Obviously maybe little ups and downs to start. Had to withdraw. I don't know if you had an injury.

INGRID LINDBLAD: I got sick in China. Extremely bad food poisoning the night before. There was no energy left in me to play. I hit a couple balls on the range before the round, but there was no way I could have gone through 18 holes that day.

So and then Bradenton I played well. Just didn't make a lot of putts. So felt like after Bradenton it was a little like -- I mean, not the greatest start for me. I played one, three weeks off; played another one, two weeks off. It's a little bit of like gaps in between, so now I'm excited to get going a little bit on a regular schedule.

And then obviously played well -- I would say I played well in Phoenix. All parts of the game were decent. Wasn't

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anything terrible or anything that was awesome. It's fun to see everything piece together out there today.

Q. Did you see that coming, the progression, and feel like this week you would be able to take the next step and put more consistency into your game?

INGRID LINDBLAD: I mean, I feel like if you put the work in, like eventually it's going to show up.

Obviously it's hard to tell exactly when it's going to show up, but obviously I feel like I've been working on good things in my golf game that I need to get better at.

After a day like this it shows that it paid off.

Q. Are you starting to feel more comfortable out here in general, out on Tour, playing with the gals week in and week out?

INGRID LINDBLAD: Yeah, I want to say so. Even like starting to like get to know some of the caddies, some of the players more. Feel like we are a good rookie class. I know a couple girls from college and amateur golf, so it's nice to kind of have couple friendly faces and couple new ones.

Definitely think -- it's the same when I played Epson Tour last summer. Every tournament I learned something, and just try to get more and more familiar with the Tour and the tournaments as the year went on.

Q. Obviously in a great position heading into the weekend. What's the strategy? Basically same as today? What do you feel like you need to do over the next couple days to get where you want to go?

INGRID LINDBLAD: I think resting is probably a very big factor. I know in Phoenix I tried to get a little bit more sleep than usual and I think that helped me a lot.

Just make sure I'm rested and still taking care of my body. We're only halfway through this week, so just try to keep playing my game and make sure I eat well and rest a lot.

Q. You mentioned you read the greens well today.

INGRID LINDBLAD: Uh-huh.

Q. Did you pick up anything yesterday that you were able to put into practice today? What made the difference today?

INGRID LINDBLAD: I mean, I putted -- I would say I putted okay yesterday, too. It's just today was one of those

where you're like you step up to putt and you're like, I know exactly where this putt is going.

I don't think I did anything different. I know my putting average the first round is always the worst, so hopefully can get better and better throughout the week.

Q. When you start seeing putts roll in were you starting to think you are going to make everything? Did you get to a point where you stepped up and thought you were going to knock it in?

INGRID LINDBLAD: I walked up and I had -- I hit my wedge -- I three putted 10, which was -- I think it was my first three-putt in week. Didn't have one yesterday. I was kind of bummed about that.

Walk up to 11. So we couldn't see where the ball finished on 11. I come up and I had hit my wedge to a foot but no one really clapped for it, so I was like, I don't know how close this is, but I walk up and it's to a foot.

I was like, okay, three-putt 10.

Tap-in on 11.

17-footer from behind the hole on 12. It was a very quick putt.

So like where that pin was there wasn't much grass on the green either, so that didn't make it slower.

And I mean, I saw the putt wasn't moving a whole lot, but when I hit the putt halfway, I'm like, this putt is in. So that was just one of those where I'm like, I got this.

And then I think I had like a seven- or eight-footer on 13; same there. Saw the line right away and was like, we're making this.

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