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Q. So you're a USGA champion, Women's Amateur champion. Try to put it into words.

MEGAN SCHOFILL: Oh, man, definitely still in shock, but what an honor. This golf course was unreal. Obviously I really liked it.

But, yeah, this was a crazy week. If you would've asked me coming into this week if I was going to being the champion I would've said, I got a long way to go.

But, yeah, no it just shows all the hard work has paid off. Really need to be proud of myself and just build on this. I learned a lot from this week, the good, the bad.

But, yeah, it's such an honor.

Q. The superstitions with your parents, was that them telling you they couldn't come or their decision?

MEGAN SCHOFILL: I think it was pretty mutual. My dad is really superstitious. But, yeah my boyfriend's parents thought about coming yesterday maybe, and they were texting my parents, and, like, oh, no. We're not getting on a plane. We'll watch it on the TV. She's doing great.

But, yeah, no, I mean, I know that they're sad they're not here. My dad said, I don't know if I would be able to get through that. My nerves, I don't know if I would've been able to watch.

But I know they're super proud and I know they wish they could be here. I think they're happy that I won and didn't feel like they messed me up.

Q. How did you think of yourself as a match play player before this week?

MEGAN SCHOFILL: I feel like I'm always a really gritty match play player. I feel like I never get down on myself and I'm really persistent. I feel like I'm a great match play



player. Obviously this week proved a lot to myself. I was able to beat some really good talent.

But, yeah, I mean, I feel like going into this week I had a lot of confidence with match play.

Q. On that topic, 14 was a tough tee shot. Did you get any doubt or anything...

MEGAN SCHOFILL: No. Honestly, it was so bad it's like, oh, that's a fluke. Like if it was 10 to 15 yards off line, okay, maybe I'm doing something wrong. It was like 60. I was like, oh, we just got throw that one out of the brain, just move on.

And then I hit the next one so-so, but this drive was not going right. I could have told you that. It was going to be a snap hook left before it was right. (Laughter.)

Q. That was my next question. Was a little nerve-wracking?

MEGAN SCHOFILL: This was probably the hardest tee shot I've had all day just because of the 60 yard right one.

The whole day -- I'm usually a pretty nervous person before I tee off, and I was really struggling last night and this morning, just super anxious and just really nervous and just obviously wanted the outcome to go my way.

I felt like C.J. really helped me stay calm. He's like, regardless of the outcome nothing is going to change. No one will look at you differently. You're still going to be the same person. Your friends and family still going to love you.

I felt like that really helped me. He just kept telling me every hole, all right, 18 more, 18 more good holes, one shot at a time.

When we got down to 10, 10 more great holes. Come on. You can do it. You can do it. I felt like him being on the bag -- I really don't think without him any of that would've happened this week.

Q. What does struggling last night look like for you? Are you pacing or eating a bunch of ice cream?



MEGAN SCHOFILL: No, I feel like for me, I just get really wound up. Like anything he was doing I was like, why are you doing it that way? We've done it the same way every night. Just all those kind of things.

But, no, we ordered food in and it was supposed to get delivered at 7:20 and didn't get delivered until 7:40. I'm like, we paid extra for this. So all the small things.

Usually I'm a really good sleeper and last night took me probably two hours to go to bed, which is expected.

And then he wears a WHOOP alarm and it went off at like 4:00 a.m. on accident, and that was a fight. (Laughter.)

I was like, what is that noise? I was like, I'm not going back to sleep now. I hope you know that's on you. It's fine, it's fine.

But it worked out, you know.

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