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Lancaster Country Club

Catherine Park

Quick Quotes



Q. Two questions for you from amateurgolf.com. What were conditions like today compared to Thursday and Friday and specifically the green speeds?

CATHERINE PARK: Well, for sure greens got firmer. Yeah. Nothing has -- other than the firmness nothing has changed. Always sloping; that doesn't change.

Yeah, and I guess in the morning sometimes it's just a bit softer. Other than that, it's just trying to land it ten yards short and trying to run it up or do something with my cut.

Just land it soft and hopefully have a 30-footer, 20-footer that's within ten feet. I think that's a bit of pressing, but other than that, having a 25- or 30-footer on this golf course is still a great chance for making birdie.

Q. And getting on the wrong side of the hole is impossible, right?

CATHERINE PARK: Yeah, for sure. Just pick good aiming spots. Like I said, a 50-footer too is better than being short-sided with these roughs and these conditions of going short-sided and having a firm chip, still leaving another 50-footer to par. It's better to have one to start.

Q. As you look forward to a professional career in golf, what do you take from playing this week in the U.S. Open with the players that you've been paired with?

CATHERINE PARK: Just the experience, like what I need to work on more now. Coming here for sure like short game is so important. Putting, chipping skills, getting up and down, so important.

I guess in college do you learn that, but I'm always just trying to hit the ball straight. I can't do that. I'm not the a robot. So always working on that short game and getting better with the up and downs for sure. And learning how to make shots. Not only have one in the bag, but be creative sometimes, especially with these conditions. It's the U.S.

Open so you have to get creative.

Q. You're in great position to be the low amateur for the week. What do you look forward to tomorrow and what would that mean to you to be able to be the low amateur this week?

CATHERINE PARK: It would mean a lot. It's the second U.S. Open, and now it's the first time making the cut. It would be great to be the low amateur of the week.

For sure being patient. This course tests every single golf skill: patience, mental game, like I said, short game, driving skills, everything has to be on point, committed to the target, and just bad shot, take it away, just on to the new one.

Q. Based on how you played today you were able to do that I'm guessing?

CATHERINE PARK: For sure, I tried my best. Coach was keeping me in line. He was like, hey, it's okay. The bad shot is out. Focus on the new one. You still have a lot of holes left and a lot of golf too. A lot can happen.

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