U.S Senior Women's Open Championship

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Martha Leach Madison Gerstle

Quick Quotes

Q. Hole-in-one first.

MARTHA LEACH: Hole-in-one, my caddie did an excellent job in yardage.

Q. How do you spell Madison's last name?

MARTHA LEACH: G-E-R-S-T-L-E. We figured it was 120 so I said I just need a nice smooth 9-iron, and I hit it perfect. And when it came off the (indiscernible) go in, because I was a little frustrated because I four-putted No. 13. I putted off the green and did that.

I'm sure I'm not going to be the only one that does that. I hope. (Laughter.) But after that...

Q. Three-putts and a chip.

MARTHA LEACH: Yeah, uh-huh. I hit it solid. Just hit it solid.

Q. Did you see it go in?

MARTHA LEACH: No, I did not. Madison is just a little bit taller than I so she could see it. She was jumping and Jan was saying she was jumping and she knew it was a good shot, so...

Q. Two bounces and in or...

MADISON GERSTLE: It was a bounce and -- or it just hit and then it rolled about four feet; dropped in.

Q. Just like a putt.

MARTHA LEACH: Yeah, just like a putt.

MADISON GERSTLE: Right easy speed.

Q. And then you birdied the next one.



MARTHA LEACH: Yes. I hit two good shots and had Madison read the putt and she said, You're downhill this time. Remember, you know... (laughter.)

So I made it so it was nice. And it was nice playing with Jan. I've known Jan since I was probably 13, and she was saying to back up a hole-in-one with a birdie is really awesome, so that was really nice.

Q. And you probably knew, but you went three, two, two, one, on the par-3s today.

MARTHA LEACH: I did, but I didn't play the par-5s well. But that's okay. I made it up on the par-3s. I'm thankful for that.

Q. How did you feel (Wind interference.)

MARTHA LEACH: You know, my 9-iron hit really well today. It was the weirdest thing. I didn't putt very well today. Didn't have a good feeling on the speed of the greens.

I hit it okay. I just hit it okay. Nothing to write home about. I'm happy with my round. It's all about getting it to the hole, and I just stayed true to myself and just keep plugging along and hit good shots. And to have a hole-in-one makes it all worthwhile.

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