U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur Championship

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Aliea Clark

Quote Quotes

Q. Came up just short.

ALIEA CLARK: Just short.

Q. Phenomenal week overall. What are you going to take away?

ALIEA CLARK: I'm going to take away that I'm just so grateful for the opportunity and to be at a place in life where I'm able to play golf at this level with such awesome competitors and great friends.

I absolutely live for being in contention, and I'm super fortunate that I have a family that supports that and a job that I'll continue to do so with.

We wouldn't be here without the incredible volunteers and staff here a little Fiddlesticks. You know, I worked super hard. I practice putting all the time, but you can't win if it doesn't go in the hole.

So I look forward to continuing to work hard and look forward to next year.

Q. You said earlier, no birdies today; the putter let you down a little bit out there.

ALIEA CLARK: Oh, my gosh. I kind of set myself up for that. I was going into today looking to improve my record. Losing 5&4 is pretty embarrassing. This is a little bit more honorable.

Felt like I was hitting some good shots. I felt like the marathon yesterday really took a toll on me. I felt like I just was hitting good putts, but I think I was just a little bit -- my posture wasn't quite right. I really didn't think I was going to miss as many as I did, which is always tough.

Yeah, putter, you have it right, putter wasn't working. It sucks to lose a match with no birdies. That is brutal.

Q. When you talk about a marathon, can you elaborate





on that a little bit more, yesterday?

ALIEA CLARK: I played 44 holes of golf. It's on the internet. I don't know if that needs additional elaboration.

Q. Sounds good. So how did that set you up for today?

ALIEA CLARK: I was exhausted, but I did my best. I Thera-gunned myself twice. I just felt like all week I didn't even think twice about five-footers. I had the line, put a good roll on it; and today I thought I had the line, I kept my head down, and I was just really shocked they weren't in the hole.

That's not a great feeling.

Q. Yeah, and you said you were thrilled to not lose but lose to somebody like Krissy. Why is that?

ALIEA CLARK: I absolutely loved playing against every single person that I met this week. They were quality individuals inside and out. I think I made a ton of genuine new friends. Everyone was incredibly respectable both in my stroke play group and in the final match.

I would've been thrilled to lose to anyone that I played. Her son, Conrad, is the cutest little thing. What an incredible family. What a great couple they are. They were so respectful out there.

I think we had a ton of fun. I definitely had way more fun in my stroke play group and my final match this year than I did last year.

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