

AIG Women's Open

Mixed Zone

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Su Oh



Q. Su, thank you so much for joining us after your first round here at the AIG Women's Open. A nice 1-under to start. Could you talk us through the day out there.

SU OH: Yeah, I think we got pretty lucky with the weather today. I was pretty late morning, I guess, but it wasn't too bad. We got a bit of drizzle. I'll take this for four days. It was nice.

But it's tough out there. It's so narrow, and I wasn't hitting the ball very well, which I think 1-under is the best score I could shoot today. I got lucky on 15 and holed out. So it's always nice when you're a couple under and you have like five -- like that last four-hole stretch because it's very tough.

Yeah, I think that's the best score I could shoot today, scrambled really well. I think my ball striking can get a bit better these next few days.

Q. Talk us through the hole-out on 15. How far out were you? What club did you take?

SU OH: So I haven't been hitting my driver well at all the whole day, and I flush one, like kind of a draw around like perfect with the shape of the hole, and it was like 145 and 155 to the pin, but the wind was like -- we couldn't tell whether it was into or down, and it was off the right. So it was a bit tricky, and we decided to go -- because it was cold, so we decided to go with the longer club. So I hit like a smooth 7.

I didn't actually hit it that great. It was okay. As soon as I hit it, like the strike wasn't perfect, and I was like, oh, that should be all right. Once it lands, it feeds to the hole. I just saw it bounce a couple times, and I was like, oh, that might be all right. Then the crowd between 1 and 15 were like, whew, it's in the hole, and I was really happy.

So it's actually really nice having the crowds back because we wouldn't have known.

Q. That's fantastic. You did say that Carnoustie has been quite tricky. It is coined golf's greatest test. Is that certainly testing you out there today as well?

SU OH: Yeah, 100 percent. I think, if you're not feeling that great with ball striking, like those bunkers are like frickin' magnets. Like you just mis-hit one, and it goes in there. You're better off completely missing it so it's like 20 yards right rather than, if you just miss it a little bit, everything goes in the bunker.

But my scrambling was really good today, but it's very tough. The setup is pretty good. I love this golf course. I got to come out here before the Scottish last week, and it was great. Like I just really like being on the grounds, and it's got a really nice atmosphere too with the crowds. It's a really good venue.

Q. So your ball striking, I know that you said you've not been quite happy with it today. What in particular -- is there something in particular that's off or just one of those days? Will you do anything to try and fix that this afternoon?

SU OH: I think it's just my alignment. The range the last three days have been like straight across from the right. So you're trying to aim it a bit to the right on the range so you're not going down and across too much. So I think maybe that's why my alignment is a little bit off.

But my ball striking got better towards the end of the round, which was nice. I think I'll just hit a few balls and get my alignment straight and should be all right. Because I've been hitting the ball well, so it kind of came out as a surprise that I didn't hit it really great, which sounds really bad. So hopefully, it will come back to me.

Q. As you say, scrambling was really good today. If you can get that alignment issue sorted, do you feel like tomorrow there could be a low round out there for you?

SU OH: Hopefully. I think I'm going to have to get lucky with the weather again. I'm like 2:30. So hopefully the wind dies down in the end. Yeah, hopefully, see what the pins are like. You have to be aggressive on the pins that you can get to, and if you don't think you can pull it off, I think it's just best to play it really safe because there's no point being -- like hemming and hawing over a shot here because you're not going to pull it off. So I think that's



quite important.

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