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Highland Meadows Golf Club

Carlota Ciganda

Quick Quotes

Q. Here with Carlota Ciganda. We were just talking about it, 2-under today. One bogey, three birdies on the card. Kind of a grind out there. A lot of pars. How do you stay patient and grind that round out?

CARLOTA CIGANDA: Yeah, the course was playing a little different than yesterday I thought. I think with the heat and the warm weather it's drying out a little bit, so the fairways are running a little bit more.

I thought the greens were a little slower than yesterday, so my putting wasn't as good. I was a little short compared to yesterday.

But overall, I mean, I played good. I couple good saves. Give myself some chances. I would have like a couple more birdies, but I think I am in a good position coming into the weekend.

Q. I feel like everybody has one of those kind of rounds throughout the week. Now that you got yours out of the way, what do you think heading into the weekend just two back?

CARLOTA CIGANDA: I mean, just play my game, play my strategy. I think we have a pretty good plan for the weekend. Just try to do the same: Give myself lots of birdie chances.

I think it's going to be -- going to play a little trickier than yesterday and today, especially because it's drying out and the fairways can be a bit more narrow.

It's a great course and I'm excited for tomorrow.

Q. Were you surprised that it was playing drier but greens were a little bit slower?

CARLOTA CIGANDA: Yes. I think I also played yesterday early so the greens, they were cut, and today in the afternoon I think the grass just grows a little bit, so maybe



that was it.

But yeah, I think the course is playing -- it's good. It's in great shape. The greens are running nicely. Hopefully I can make a few more putts tomorrow.

Q. How hard is it to adjust kind of when you have one speed in your head from the day before and then get out there and you're like, oh, that was kind of short?

CARLOTA CIGANDA: Yeah, it's not easy. I think if the were the same it would be easier to make more putts. I think you just need to change your mindset. Yeah, just try to hit a little bit harder.

That's what I tried to do today.

Q. Switching gears a little bit, big tennis fan. Obviously there is a very important person in the tennis world about to retire at the U.S. Open. She's playing well; Serena Williams. Just give me some thoughts on her and what she's meant to you as a fan? Has she motivated you at all?

CARLOTA CIGANDA: Yeah, I think it's amazing what she's done through her whole career, how she played, how she fought her whole life and so many grand slams, and still after being a mom still playing again.

I think it was really cool to watch Tiger supporting her the other day at the U.S. Open. Yeah, I think she is an amazing athlete and of course she will be missed in the tennis world.

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