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Highland Meadows Golf Club

Sarah Schmelzel

Quick Quotes

Q. Here with Sarah Schmelzel. Another great round; posted 15-under; Top 5. Just kind of assess your week. Another really solid week.

SARAH SCHMELZEL: Yeah, it was kind of fun to build off momentum from last week. We kind of talked about it yesterday, some of the stuff that came to light last week, being under pressure.

And I felt like today I hardly felt any really. When I did, just kind of worked on the stuff that I talked to my mental coach about, breathing a little bit better and committing to shots.

It was fun to play the last two holes the way I did and sneak in there at the end. Overall it was a solid day.

Q. Always going to happen I guess with two par-5s. Walk me through the last few holes.

SARAH SCHMELZEL: Yeah, I mean, I think I played the front nine okay all week. I did a lot of my scoring on the back nine. Once I got through at 1-under, I kind of I guess mentally stepped on the gas a little bit. When you get to the last two holes you're thinking birdie at worst.

You feel like everyone is going to be making birdie on those two. So I just kind of got as aggressive as I could have been, and really I hit a great drive on 17 and about as perfect of a 3-wood as I could have into the green and had a great look at eagle.

So just tried to stay aggressive on both of them and it worked out.

Q. You've had a solid season. Are these two of the better weeks you've had back-to-back in a while, do you think?

SARAH SCHMELZEL: Yeah, I've had good weeks, had Top 10s, but haven't really followed it up the next week. It's kind of nice to ride out this momentum. Gives that little



extra confidence how I'm playing throughout the week is working.

You know, doesn't have to be crazy, practice ten hours a day. Just get your work done and go relax; get your mind off golf.

So I feel like it's a learning experience literally every single week, every single day. So I'm taking it in stride and seeing what happens next.

Q. Speaking of what happens next, final stretch of the season. Rounds like this, golf like this, just how confident are you heading into the last what, seven, eight, nine events of the year?

SARAH SCHMELZEL: Yeah, obviously it feels good to play well. I know that each week is a new week, and once I get in the car it's all about next week and preparing the best I can for that. Getting to know the greens and the golf course.

Just kind of put it in the back of your mind. Celebrate at the end of year or something and try and go out and play well again.

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