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Highland Meadows Golf Club

Linn Grant

Quick Quotes

THE MODERATOR: We're joined now by Linn Grant. Linn, 62. 9-under on the day. Just take us through the round, especially that hole-out on 11.

LINN GRANT: Well, yeah, obviously we had a delay in the middle of it pretty much. I was 4-under at the time. Had to go in. I wasn't really feeling as confident as I would like to, but I found some good swings on the range and felt better going out after the delay.

11 was amazing. Like, I hit a really good drive and a really good second shot, it just took one bounce pretty much and went in. I think it's my first hole-out eagle probably. Just really cool.

THE MODERATOR: What goes through your mind when it seems like everything putt-wise is kind of falling for you? What rolls through your mind during a round?

LINN GRANT: I was actually, so after probably 13 I just felt like it was maybe going a bit too fast. So just starting to get nervous and felt like I didn't have control over the situation at all. So I just held back a little bit. I don't know if that's good or bad, but I felt like that was what I needed to do. So just really happy that I took control of the situation.

THE MODERATOR: We have seen low score after low score from you. Just what is it about this course that seems to suit your game so well?

LINN GRANT: Well, I really like it. I'm hitting my driver really well. So the tree line isn't bothering me at all. It is very soft out there, so I don't really have to think about any rollout at all. I just can hit the numbers. Which I'm very comfortable with. If you can get the putts going, then it's a good round.

THE MODERATOR: We'll open it up to questions.

Q. What was your club and distance on 11?



LINN GRANT: I hit an 8. I think it was -- I'll double check. I think it was 136, if I'm not wrong. But I'll check it. Yeah. Meters.

Q. 136 meters. Okay. Did 59 ever creep into your mind at all during your round?

LINN GRANT: Both yes and no. There was a spectator who called it out in my face. I mean, obviously your thoughts go, so I was thinking about it. But at the same time I just knew I couldn't keep thinking about it, because it would probably just make it worse.

Q. What did the spectator do?

LINN GRANT: No, he just came up to me and he said, Do you think you have a 59 in you? And then all of a sudden I was like, Oh, God. So I just tried to just not focus on it at all.

Q. I heard you did an on-course interview, you said you went back and changed clothes during the delay?

LINN GRANT: Yeah, I did.

Q. How big of an advantage was it for you to just be able to kind of reset yourself and take the break?

LINN GRANT: I think it made a big difference. Like I said, I played really well those first seven holes, but at the same time I felt like I didn't really have control over my swing, even though I hit really good shots. Like I wasn't truly comfortable with knowing that it was going to last the whole round. So coming in and then getting to go to the range again and warm-up and sort of get focused again, that really helped.

Q. Did it feel like just a whole new round?

LINN GRANT: Yeah, that was my thought. I just tried to go out and really play as if it was another day. My goal was to make five birdies from 8 and in. And I think that was what I did.

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