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The Oregon Golf Club



Brooke Henderson

Quick Quotes

Q. Brooke, opening round 70, only two back of the lead. After your practice rounds and pro-am, did you expect the course play this difficult today?

BROOKE HENDERSON: Yeah, it was tougher than I was expecting. It was very cold this morning, which I think played a huge factor, and also the wind has been pretty high. On a few shots really affected as well.

I feel like all in all it was a good day. Nice to get in under par. I felt like I left one out there on 18, but other than that, hopefully I can just make a lot of birdies tomorrow and climb up.

Q. You hit an inordinate number of shots today, at least during our coverage, that never left the flagstick or your target. Is that the result of finally getting to see your dad who's also your instructor?

BROOKE HENDERSON: Yeah, I think so. It's a really nice feeling to be hitting it a little better and seeing some good results, you know, shooting under par today. I feel like I've gained some confidence back over these last few weeks, which is a big thing for me, and I'm excited just to play and see where it goes.

Q. How much practice will you do? It's a course that is really difficult to walk, kind of taxing on everybody. I know you're young and very fit, but how much practice will you do and will it be less than normal?

BROOKE HENDERSON: Yeah, it's a very hilly here and Brit is definitely getting a big workout in. I'm proud of her how she's been able to cope the last few days.

Yeah, I'll do a little practice this afternoon, get ready for tomorrow. But definitely have to pay attention to the rest and proper amount of fluids as well.

Q. You seemed to have a pretty steady round today, pretty quiet round. What was the story of your day out here?

BROOKE HENDERSON: Yeah, it was nice to start off first hole with a birdie. That felt nice. Got some confidence there.

Then, yeah, nothing else really happened. Made a few more birdies, one bogey I guess.

But happy to finish under par today. Nice feeling. Felt like I hit some good shots and played the holes pretty well. Hopefully just continue that the next three days.

Q. You saw a little bit of everything today. It was downright cold first thing this morning; nice and warm now. What's the challenge of seeing a bunch of weather conditions like that in one round, particularly starting out like that?

BROOKE HENDERSON: Yeah, it was very cold this morning. Wasn't really expecting that, so definitely had to deal with that. Also the wind, it was pretty high at times. On certain holes it really blew, so just trying to calculate solid numbers and hit good shots under those conditions.

Q. Overall did the golf course play as you expected today? It's so tough coming into a place you've never seen before and having to tee it up.

BROOKE HENDERSON: Yeah, it's really hard to judge on a place you never competed on before, so I felt like it played a little bit tougher than I was expecting I think mainly just because of the colder weather this morning.

I'm excited. Tomorrow afternoon should be a little warmer than this morning, so hopefully go out and continue to hit it well and make a lot of birdies.

Q. This was your first event since you had your break. Had time to go home and work with dad, coach. Do you feel what you worked on was of use, that you're still using it today?

BROOKE HENDERSON: Yeah, definitely. I think it was a big key for me to go home and see my family and also my coach, my dad, just get some solid work in and build the confidence back up.

Really looking forward to the rest of this week, and, yeah, coming weeks. Got four in a row, so excited to see where



it goes.

Q. Anything in specific you're working on with your dad or just fine tuning?

BROOKE HENDERSON: Yeah, just really everything. I hadn't seen him in so long that we just kind of went over all parts of the game. Was able to give me a couple pointers in every single one, and I feel like it made a big difference.

Q. Last question: How did you and Brit handle the walk today, the beast?

BROOKE HENDERSON: Yeah, definitely is very hilly. I was happy when we finally made it to the back nine because it's a little flatter. Yeah, hopefully we make it the next three days.

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