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Columbia Edgewater Country Club

Madelene Sagstrom

Quick Quotes

Q. All right, here with Madelene Sagstrom after your second round at the Portland Classic. Really nice round for you today. What was working so well for you out there?

MADELENE SAGSTROM: I think, I mean, I must say I just really haven't made any mistakes. I've been keeping it in play. I haven't really had my A-game coming in here. I've been struggling a little bit on the course.

So we kind of set up a little different game plan this week. Just trying to hit the fairway however it gets there and just go more center of the green. I think that is more how I was playing last year and it seems to be working.

Giving myself some good chances. Took them when I needed to. Really just haven't made too many mistakes.

Q. Have you changed anything in your game recently? Working on anything specifically?

MADELENE SAGSTROM: I constantly struggle a bit with contact, with compressing the ball. So I've been struggling with that for 15 years, so keep working on that every week.

But the weeks where I -- like this course is quite tight for me, hitting it far. So happy to hit the fairways out here. Traditionally I thought this course was very tight, so very happy with those stats this week.

Just kind of missing it on the right sides when I needed to. I've been starting to strike the irons better. Bit more consistent so we can -- Shane and I can pick better clubs. Just a little bit more consistent.

Q. Do you like a tight course? How does that suit your eye?

MADELENE SAGSTROM: Traditionally, no. I like a little bit -- I can hit it a little bit everywhere. I prefer that.

But this good. This challenges my game. This challenges that part of my game which I don't really -- like where I'm



not as comfortable. So I think it's good for my game to play courses like this, and especially good to play well.

Q. With Solheim Cup coming up. Congratulations on making the team?

MADELENE SAGSTROM: Thank you.

Q. How is the energy level and the excitement going into that? That helping your game at all these couple weeks when you are getting ready for Finca Cortesin?

MADELENE SAGSTROM: Yeah, I mean, I haven't really worried about it before, but at the same time it's always in the back of your mind. I think kind of whenever thing was announced, okay I'm on the team. Now it's more about trying to find some form.

I played so Solheim not in form and one in better form so you always want to try to be there, play as well as you can. That's been the goal now, where we're trying to find form, trying to find the shots out here, and play well leading up.

Q. Going into tomorrow, moving day, what are some of the goals for you on Saturday?

MADELENE SAGSTROM: I think just keep playing simple golf. Not trying to make it too complicated. Going to go hit some balls on the range. Just keep working on those tendencies. Just kind of strike the ball in the middle of the face. That normally works out pretty well for me.

I think just trying not to play too complicated.

Q. Last question: As you said, maybe it hasn't been the season you want, but it must be gratifying to see your name at the top. How much confidence into that give you about the state of your game?

MADELENE SAGSTROM: Massively. Every time you play well, I mean, you want to be up there all the time. I've been fighting a bit with my putting which normally has been very good this season, so I've been starting to putt a lot better.



I'm really happy with that and I think that's what really helped my name to get up there.

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