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Lake Nona Golf & Country Club

Lottie Woad

Quick Quotes

Q. Pleased to be joined by Lottie Woad here after her first round at the Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions. A very solid 67 from you today. Just take us through the round.

LOTTIE WOAD: Yeah, it was good, but like it was weird. I hit a lot of really good shots kind of close but hit some shots that like, what am I doing? I just missed way more fairways than I usually do, so kind of need to work on that.

Could have been better; could have been worse. Yeah.

Q. Obviously your first time here. There is whole bunch of different components to this event, but we'll start with the course. What have you made of Lake Nona and the course?

LOTTIE WOAD: Yeah, it definitely challenges you. I mean, the practice days were pretty cold as well, so it played a little bit easier today, like a bit softer greens I think with the heat. Because when I was playing the practice rounds I was like, I don't know how I'm going to stop it on this green.

Yeah, the approach shots definitely challenge you. You kind of have to play away from some pins. Yeah, good challenge.

Q. And then the celebrity component, what's that been like taking it all in?

LOTTIE WOAD: Yeah, it was really fun today. The guys I played with were great. Did have to look away a few times on the greens. It was kind of -- I was over a four-footer and they were struggling a little bit. I was just like, I need to close my eyes. Apart from that, it was good.

Q. Anyone you were particularly excited to meet this week?

LOTTIE WOAD: I don't think anyone in particular. I like all

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sports, sports people, so I was just happy to play with -- I got to play with a basketball and a football player today, so could ask them a bit about that, which was cool.

Q. Obviously coming into the season how would you assess your game now that you got a full round under your belt versus how it was you felt coming into this week?

LOTTIE WOAD: Yeah, I think it's a pretty good start. I think this tournament is kind of nice that you then have a little break after this. It's kind of like a tester. Like I can see where my game is at after the offseason. I'm sure I'll find some stuff to work on and see what's good as well.

Yeah, overall good start.

Q. Did you drive here?

LOTTIE WOAD: I did, yeah.

Q. Did you pass the first time?

LOTTIE WOAD: Yeah, yeah. It was pretty easy in Florida, yeah.

Q. Did you buy a car?

LOTTIE WOAD: I haven't bought it yet. I've been given a car to just try out, but I'm going to buy a car after this week.

Q. Will how much you make this week impact what you buy?

LOTTIE WOAD: No, probably not. I don't need something too big. Just a normal sized car will be good.

Q. I know you and Luke really get into the numbers. What have you mapped out big picture goals what you would like to accomplish in your first full season out here?

LOTTIE WOAD: Yeah, I try and stay away from outcome goals. Every one wants to win as many tournaments as possible. That's pretty obvious. I like to look at my stats



and see what I can improve on in those. Like I'm trying to improve my scrambling a little bit, which was good today.

Just trying to keep on tidying up inside 50.

Q. When did you arrive back here in the U.S. to work on your game?

LOTTIE WOAD: I guess would've been about a couple weeks ago, right before the Pebble Beach pro-am, so whenever that was.

Q. I know I've said this to you multiple times before but you just love a hard golf course. When you show up and the conditions are challenging, course is a little bit longer, maybe some of the greens are firmer, you think it might be playing firmer, what shifts in your mentality?

LOTTIE WOAD: I think it's just more interesting. I'm not going to say I get bored, but like it challenges you every shot and you have to think over every shot; whereas if it's -- some courses you just aim at every pin with a wedge. This one was definitely more interesting.

Q. When you were doing some of your prep in the colder weather, did it feel pretty beastly out there?

LOTTIE WOAD: Yeah, definitely. The ball is not going as far. Today finally got up to almost up to full distance. Yeah, it's tough because you're working out the wind and also working out how much shorter the ball is flying and how much slower you're swinging. It's hard to dial in your yardages. Today was nice, but the weekend looks cold.

Q. You played with JR Smith today. He went back and played college golf. Did you all compare collegiate golf notes or talk about that?

LOTTIE WOAD: No. I asked him about it. He said he loves it. I didn't realize he was still doing it now. Yeah, I asked him what the vibe was with the team because obviously he's a bit older. He said at the start it was weird, but it's been great. He said he's learned from those people as well.

Q. How do you build on this strong round going into the next three days?

LOTTIE WOAD: I think there is always stuff I do post-round. Like I'm going to go putt, but I need to work on my driving a little bit. Just missed a couple fairways. The last hole should have shouldn't have missed it there. Other than that, everything was pretty solid.

Q. What are some of the things that you're looking to keep doing from last year and some of the new things you're hoping to do differently?

LOTTIE WOAD: I think golf game-wise, not really trying to change much. I think you're always working on stuff, like every golfer is. I'm not going to change how I go about playing golf courses. I feel like I'm pretty strategic and plot my way around. I want to keep it like that.

I think I'm working out how to plan off weeks and the Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, how to plan that out a bit better.

Q. You mentioned the cold. Going to get pretty chilly this weekend. Do you enjoy playing in that weather?

LOTTIE WOAD: No, but like I feel like I can play in this more than other people because I'm from England. I have lived to Florida for the last three years, so I think I've gone a little soft.

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