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Palos Verdes Golf Club

Maude-Aimee LeBlanc

Quick Quotes

Q. All right, joined now bogey-free Maude-Aimee LeBlanc. Take us through your round today and what was really working for you.

MAUDE-AIMEE LEBLANC: Yeah, I felt like I hit ball really well today and whenever I missed the green I was able to make up and down.

Made some really good saves and just kept the momentum going throughout the round, so, yeah, the putting was good as well.

These greens can get really tricky. They're hard to read, but I feel like my caddie and I did a good job reading them today, so I'll take it.

Q. Talk about your back nine, which is typically the front nine. Just you went birdie, par, birdie and ending with three straight birdies. What was clicking for you and what were you feeling as you were playing those holes?

MAUDE-AIMEE LEBLANC: I do feel more comfortable just visually on the back side, or the front -- yeah, the front.

So, yeah, I feel like I can hit driver most places and take advantage of the short par-5s, or the one par-5.

So, yeah, just visually it looks good to me, so I feel comfortable hitting on the front.

Q. We saw you a couple years ago at Aviara and played really well there with these kind of greens. What is it about poana that you just know? You really seem to like putting on these kind of putting surfaces.

MAUDE-AIMEE LEBLANC: Yeah, I'm not sure. I think it feels and look a lot like what I grew up playing on up north, for whatever reason.

Yeah, I just like the way they look and feel and I like the



speed. So that always helps.

Q. I don't think I've ever heard anybody say that he like poana.

MAUDE-AIMEE LEBLANC: I know. It's very weird. Yes, I have a tendency to play well in California, so, yeah, I don't know.

Q. Anything else about California golf that suits your eye? Again, it can feel a little bit like Canada so totally get it.

MAUDE-AIMEE LEBLANC: Yeah, exactly. I like the weather. I don't like when it's too hot. I like -- yeah, just visually it's beautiful out here, so it always helps, I don't know being, stay calmer I guess.

Q. What are some goals in 2024. It's jam packed here with a lot of different things. What are some goals for yourself this year?

MAUDE-AIMEE LEBLANC: Yeah, I have a lot of goals for this year. The Olympics is one of them. I don't know how many I have left, so hopefully that will be the first one this year.

That's a big one.

Q. How do you keep that in your mind but out of your mind out here trying to grind and play well and win a golf tournament?

MAUDE-AIMEE LEBLANC: That's a good question. That's a constant work. I feel like I have to bring myself back to the present a lot of time. I have my mental coach on the bag with me so he helps me with that as well.

So, yeah, I can feel my mind going in the future a lot when I'm playing, but when I'm over the ball I feel like I can bring myself back to the shot that I need to hit.

Q. Who is your mental coach?

MAUDE-AIMEE LEBLANC: French-Canadian guy back



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Q. What's his name?

MAUDE-AIMEE LEBLANC: Michel Dubord.

Q. How cool is that to have a psychologist on your bag trying to go bogey-free and shoot 7-under?

MAUDE-AIMEE LEBLANC: Exactly. He's a good to golfer as well, so he's got both, so that's good.

Q. We saw you in Blue Bay. Did you go back to Canada after Blue Bay?

MAUDE-AIMEE LEBLANC: I did.

Q. How long did it take to get over the jet lag?

MAUDE-AIMEE LEBLANC: I don't think I'm over it yet.

Q. What do you do knowing that you only have that one week? How did you physically and mentally prepare for the next string of events?

MAUDE-AIMEE LEBLANC: Yeah, it was tough. It's such a quick like turnaround to come back here. But, yeah, I tried to be really disciplined with my sleep, get up in the morning, not sleep for too long, and go to bed at a reasonable time.

But, yeah, just try to stay disciplined with sleep I would say was the biggest thing.

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