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Upper Montclair Country Club

Paula Reto

Quick Quotes



Q. Okay, here with Paula Reto. You played another consistent round today. Your best round was yesterday. So tell me, how important was yesterday in setting you up for session today, your mentality especially?

PAULA RETO: Yeah, yesterday is obviously a good round and it sort of set me up for today.

I felt like today is a little slow, so maybe that kind of was nice to play well yesterday so I can kind of ease into today.

But not many birdies out there today. A little bit with the rain here and there, you know, trying to battle with some pars, but we'll see. Tomorrow is another day and hopefully we'll drop more birdies tomorrow.

Q. You said it was a little slow today. What do you mean by that? Pace of play? Slow greens? What was slow?

PAULA RETO: No, probably I was just a little slow with like just not hitting as many fairways here and there, and then trying to battle for par. Sort of like a slower start in that sense and I made a couple birdies here in the back nine which sort of saved my round for 1-under.

But, yeah, other than that, just trying to stay in there was key today.

Q. You're still in the running; a few strokes back from the leaders.

PAULA RETO: Yeah.

Q. What's the game plan tomorrow? Going to do anything different or just try to keep things consistent?

PAULA RETO: Yeah, just going to try to keep things consistent. Not much I can do right now. Sort of late. Just come in tomorrow and do a good warmup session and see if I can hit some fairways and hit some greens and make some putts.

Q. And obviously there was sort of a weather change today, weather hazard today. Can you tell me how you fought through that a little bit?

PAULA RETO: Yeah, it made the course play a little harder I would say, especially like when you're in the rough you need to hit a little bit more club.

So kind of adjusting to that. But it was fine. Had the umbrella out and just sort of tried to stay one shot at a time, kind of manage myself that way.

Q. You've had some really good results this year. What do you think has been clicking lately?

PAULA RETO: Yeah, um, shoot, I don't know. I think I've just been maybe baby-sitting some of my bad habits in my game, especially in the off-season this year and last year.

So I think that's maybe paying off, sort of keeping me more straighter off the tee, more on the green, that kind of thing.

So a little bit of everything I would say.

Q. I've never heard that term "baby-sitting bad habits."

PAULA RETO: I know.

Q. What sort of bad habits?

PAULA RETO: Just a few stuffs with my swing that I know comes out under pressure. So if I'm kind of always trying to maintain that during practice rounds and before warmups they don't come out as much I would say. Baby-sitting them mean trying to do it every day.

Q. After going 1-over on your front nine today, what were you saying to yourself in order to get yourself back under par even with this rain?

PAULA RETO: Yeah, exactly. And I was trying to get a birdie on 10 which was like, okay, and then 11 was sort of like a tough par save.



And then I just told myself, you know what? There is plenty of holes left. Let me see if I can get one or two back then sort of come back tomorrow and hopefully with a little bit better weather and see if I can make more birdies.

Just I was trying to be real patient, calm with myself, and, yeah, it kind of paid off. Two birdies back to back.

Q. When the weather does start to get bad is it harder to stay patient out there?

PAULA RETO: It is because you're sort of battling an extra thing, but we have to sort of just make it work and just say, Hey, it's the conditions. Everybody is playing under those same conditions. Yeah, stay within it. Make it fun in a way.

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