

The Chevron Championship

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Memorial Park Golf Course

Mimi Rhodes

Quick Quotes



Q. Joining me after the first round of The Chevron Championship is Mimi Rhodes. Mimi, can you just talk about how your round went today and first impressions of the golf course?

MIMI RHODES: Definitely challenging course, I mean, especially with the wind. But it was completely different to the practice round wind.

I reckon it was probably playing easier on the front nine because you had a couple par-5s downwind and the par-4s wasn't playing as long on the back.

Yeah, you've got to drive the ball well to have a good shot into the green from the fairway because the rough is a pretty unpredictable.

Yeah, and the pin positions were tricky today. Couple of them were like three off the left and three off the right. You really had to just dial in the numbers and make sure that you were committing to targets out there.

Yeah, I would say I did a really good job committing to shots.

Q. This is obviously the first major of the season. How is your game feeling right now? Are you feeling prepared heading into this week?

MIMI RHODES: Yeah, I mean, I think I felt ready. Getting here on Sunday was probably a benefit to me that I was able to see the course a bit more and just be on site a bit more. I feel a bit more comfortable getting my bearings around.

I mean, I did as much prep as I could and, yeah, felt comfortable come into this round. So, yeah, was just more about committing and being confident out there, which I thought I did.

Q. How has your progression in the majors -- obviously you had quite a difference from your first major to your third last year.

MIMI RHODES: Yeah.

Q. How do you feel more comfortable? How do you feel you're a different player than you were at KPMG?

MIMI RHODES: Yeah, I mean, I think I've grown up a lot and just learnt a lot from experience. I mean, going into the first KPMG I mean, I was playing really well but it kind of shocks a bit seeing all the good players around you and people that you've looked up to when you were young.

So, yeah, I think I would just like shock myself a bit and wasn't as comfortable as I am now seeing everyone around. I've had a couple good weeks so I've kind of shown that I can do it out here and I can play against them.

So, yeah, I've been -- I think the golf course as well, just suits me. Like long irons and driving. I mean, yeah, you just have to hit it good out there. I mean, you're not -- it's not going to be easy if you hit a bad shot.

So, yeah, I mean, you're rewarded if you hit good shots and that's what I did.

Q. What was your biggest takeaway from contending in Singapore?

MIMI RHODES: I feel like it was quite different mentally because I had got an invite into there and there wasn't a cut so you could play more freely. I've kind of taken those emotions out of there because I tend to play well in the first round if I'm confident in myself, if I'm committing to shots, if I'm not worried about the cut line.

So that's what I've come in to do here. You know, first major of the year. There is four more to go, so just play relaxed golf out there and not put too much pressure on myself.

Q. So you arrived Sunday. How many holes did you play each day?

MIMI RHODES: I just practiced Sunday; did a lot of putting. 18 on Monday and then didn't manage to play any



on Tuesday. Just practiced. And then nine yesterday.

Q. Which nine did you play?

MIMI RHODES: The back nine.

Q. Just had a question for you. I was wondering what's your favorite golf moment throughout your entire career?

MIMI RHODES: Wow. I would say probably at the Curtis Cup when I made a putt on the 17th. It was pretty important then and just showed me that I could hole them under pressure.

Yeah, I've had a couple of those moments since then and I've pulled them off so it's given me a lot of confidence.

Q. Thank you.

MIMI RHODES: Yeah.

Q. I was wondering if you had any advice to give my young female golfers who are trying to get into the game or trying to get better, to a top level?

MIMI RHODES: Yeah, I would say just take advantage of facilities around you and just go to the course. Make friends at the course like your own age because that's going to help a lot to stay committed to the game.

Yeah, I mean, just have fun with it and if you want to do it as a living, just like be determined with it because it's an individual sport so you've got to be comfortable with yourself and being out there by yourself.

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