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Seville Golf and Country Club

Lexi Thompson

Quick Quotes

Q. All right, I'm here with Lexi after her third round at the Ford Championship. Birdie on the last to finish the day. Solid round. How did you feel out there?

LEXI THOMPSON: Felt good with overall the windy conditions. With my score I'll definitely take it.

You know, coming into today I was just trying to commit to my lines out there and really focus on seeing it one shot at a time. Some of the holes out there you just have to take your par and run. There were some gettable holes that you really need to birdie and take advantage of those.

Yeah, it was hard out there. I tried not to back off so many shots but I backed off so many shots and I felt bad, but it was tough conditions.

But the golf course is in great shape, so hopefully have some better weather tomorrow.

Q. How do you stay in the zone when you catch yourself having to step off some of those shots with the wind?

LEXI THOMPSON: That's a great question, yeah. It's hard to stay in the moment when you back off so many shots or so many times over the same shot because of the gusty winds.

You just have to really stay with your game plan going into the shot, whether if it's a putt or a shot. Really visualize and try to hit in between the gusts as quickly as you can.

Q. We've a lot of windy conditions I feel like this season so far. Maybe even last week I know wasn't the week you were looking for, but what did you maybe learn or get some practice in that you've been applying to this week that's helped in the wind, even though it's a warm wind?

LEXI THOMPSON: Yeah, it seems like every time I've



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tee'd it up since last November it's been windy. Any time I go home and practice it's been windy, too.

I guess it's preparing me, which is nice.

But, yeah, it's a whole different ballgame when it gets especially this windy. You just really have to focus, you know, commitment to lines, to starting lines and finishing lines, and really just put the most solid swing you can put on it.

The more solid shot the less it's going to move in the wind. That's really the goal. You know you're going to hit bad shots, so you just have to take them as they come.

Q. How much is your distance an advantage in these kind of conditions and being able to hit some of those low darts that are actually going to go, whereas other girls are just trying to hold it up in the wind?

LEXI THOMPSON: Yeah, I mean, I would say it's an advantage definitely on some of the holes, but really just the straighter and the more solid the better really.

I can hit the low bullets and sometimes the far drives, but I'm just trying to hit it straight and solid out there, especially in conditions like today.

Q. We were joking earlier in the week that you were getting to be aggressive with your driver out there. Looking ahead to tomorrow and chasing and being able to be more aggressive, do you have more fun when you can chase and let loose with really nothing to lose?

LEXI THOMPSON: Yeah, it's nice to be able to just go out here and hit driver basically everywhere. I probably hit two or three 3-woods today just because it was so windy and firm on some of the holes.

It's nice to play a golf course more aggressively and know that -- I mean, I still have to make birdies and play that aggressive play, but, yeah, it's definitely a lot more fun instead of laying back and hitting mid-irons into holes.



Q. We like to watch it. Looking ahead to tomorrow, weather coming, how do you mentally prepare and get yourself ready to go to maybe make a run late and maybe chase down that victory?

LEXI THOMPSON: I don't really know what the weather is dealing into tomorrow, but hope for the best. Hopefully goes through somewhat in the early morning and we get out in some decent weather. I know it's going to be a little bit cooler.

But just do my best. Go out there and focus on one shot at a time and take the last three days of positive shots and play into the final round and see where that goes. That's all I can do.

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