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Laura Davies

Quick Quotes

Q. Here with Laura Davies, a 2-under round of 70. Nice birdie on 18. This is a beast of a golf course. How did you make it around in 2-under today.

LAURA DAVIES: Well, a lot of good shots, you got to putt it well, because the greens are magnificent. They're incredibly fast. I putted really lovely on the front nine and then missed three short ones on the back nine, which was a bit disappointing.

Lovely putt over on 17, and then obviously disappointed not eagle the last. Hit such a good shot in, but that's the key really. Hit fairways and greens and try and hole some putts.

Q. Tell us about the last two holes the short putt on 17 and then what you did here at 18.

LAURA DAVIES: Yeah, it was -- well, it was a par on 17, par putt on 17. I mean, I made it. That one I made it.

16 I holed about a 30-footer, a little snake, left to right; just dropped in, so that was a bonus really. I'm not a big fan of that hole visually. It's good hole, but just didn't setup, so birdie was good there.

And then didn't hit a great drive. Kicked off the hill into the fairway; had 220 with all the uphill and everything and it was perfect for the 3-iron into the wind, and (indiscernible). But missed it. Was a shame.

Q. Still a great round. These hills are beating all of us. Trish on the bag, too. How are you managing out there?

LAURA DAVIES: Well, it's obviously a lot harder for Trish. She's no spring chicken either. It's just -- to be fair, it's tough walking, but it's the same for everyone. No matter how old you are really, you still got to get around, and in a tournament round you don't notice the hills.

I must admit in the practice the other day I found it really exhausting, but when you're playing and trying to hit good shots, you don't really notice the hills. Maybe if you're not playing so well you notice the hills, but today because I was hitting it good it was just a lovely even keel and pace of play was really good.

Q. What it's like having Trish on the bag?

LAURA DAVIES: Yeah, I said first time caddying in an LPGA event, she caddied a couple times in British Open and stuff like that. Yeah, she (indiscernible) this week, and to my surprise she said, Oh, you haven't got a caddie? What about if I caddie?

So at that time we didn't know we were on this golf course. Maybe if we had known she might not have come because she has got tournaments to play herself. I keep saying, Don't do yourself any damage. If her back is starting to feel tender she might have to give it up, but she's as stubborn as I am. She'll still be here at the end.

Q. Is she helping you out in putts and --

LAURA DAVIES: Yeah, she's a great putter. I'm not a great green reader, not a great putter, and I think that's maybe why I putted well today, because she just gives you confidence with the line. I did hit a lot of good putts I have to say.

Q. Last question: Just looking back at Solheim Cup week, had some time to reflect on that. We've got Carlota up at the top of the leaderboard. It was a pretty awesome week. What are your takeaways?

LAURA DAVIES: Yeah, for me it's the easiest week of year. I just tour around in a cart and just say good luck to everyone and pat everyone on the back and say, Keep going when they're down in the match, and it's just fun to watch from inside the ropes.

All right, I had to do a little bit of work with the captain and maybe give some advice. I don't know if she listened to much of it. I wouldn't blame her if she didn't.

Overall they played a well. They holed the putts, and I think the shot that Mel Reid hit in on Saturday, or Sunday as it was because it's a Monday finish, just to make that point at the end made a huge difference in the singles. They all came through. Every player did something.

Even Popov taking her match from 6-down and taking it up to 16. It's good for the rest of team to see we're all fighting.

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