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Columbia Edgewater Country Club

Perrine Delacour

Quick Quotes

Q. Here with our first-round leader, Perrine Delacour, at the moment. Another really solid round. Maybe what has been working for you on this course specifically this week?

PERRINE DELACOUR: I just kept patient. I mean, of course coming from a leader on the first day, shooting 9-under, you know you're not going to shoot twice 9-under.

So thankfully my team, my mental coach was telling me it's impossible you're going to shoot twice 9-under, so just try your best and see where it's going.

I mean, I was pretty stressed at first because I never been a leader after the first day, so I talk a lot with my caddie were talking and he was just trying to help me be patient. He's like, it's okay. You're starting from scratch so you're even and just trying again. See where it's going.

Q. Very different conditions today. Did you feel they were very different? Did you adjust your game at all? No rain.

PERRINE DELACOUR: You had to adjust for the pins, especially on the wedges. But it was definitely nicer. I mean, even though the bag is still wet from yesterday, but it was definitely nicer to be in shorts and polos instead of rain gear, rain gear, and rain.

Q. You said this is one of your first times being a first-round leader, is your first time being a first-round leader. Did that maybe change the game plan at all or the mentality? Do you even think about it out there?

PERRINE DELACOUR: Well, of course you think a little bit about it, but, no, that did not change anything. We keep the same plan. That's the goal for the week with my caddie. We keep the same game plan no matter what and we just going to try our best.

Still a lot of golf going on.

Q. Yesterday you said you weren't thinking about the

score or all, the birdies you were making. Did you think about it more today?

PERRINE DELACOUR: A little bit at first, but then I had like -- when I kind of reached 13-, 14-under, 12-, 13-under, I was like I don't even know where I start today, because I miss some opportunities. So I was like I don't even know what is my score.

I was just trying to be patient and trying to hit good shots.

Q. It has been 41 holes since your last bogey. What are you doing to limit mistakes out there?

PERRINE DELACOUR: Well, right now I got a pretty good (crowd noise). I hit a draw and a fade and that kind of helps me a lot, especially today on some shots.

But, I mean, a bogey can happen so you just -- you prepare for it. I didn't even know it was 41 holes. I think that's my longer stretch. Just going to enjoy it. It's pretty good.

Q. You'll be the leader again heading into moving day. Are you starting to think about it a little more? Are you just really trying to knock that down?

PERRINE DELACOUR: I'm going to try not to think about it because that's when -- I'm the kind of person to overthink, so the goal is I'm going to do some stuff to keep my head busy and not thinking about golf.

Q. And last question: Sort of want to reiterate what Kay was talking about with you. Last year at this time you took a break a little bit. I just want to know how you're doing mentally, physically, as you see your success out here?

PERRINE DELACOUR: So, yeah, we were talking with Kay about it. I was actually talking with my caddie about it on 9, my last hole. I'm like, hopefully they don't ask that question because I'm not in the right place mentally. It's hard to say. I'm a leader on the LPGA. But golf is just golf.

I'm trying to get something else other than golf. I just need



to keep my head busy (plane interference) play golf. I think it's the only way that a person could describe me, if I play bad golf I'm a bad person, and if I play good golf I'm a good person.

So that's what we've been trying with me team, okay, you're a good person no matter what your round of golf. So that's mainly my goal. Yeah, when you were telling me yesterday, like you shot 9-under, are you pretty happy about it? Yeah, it's good, but it doesn't describe me as a person. That's what we been working on a lot with my team, especially this week.

I've been struggling, but it is what it is. It takes time to go back from a good moment and feeling good in life. I've been more and more happy to talk, and I'm talking more and more to people and not being scared about it, but it's not easy.

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