

Portland Classic

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Columbia Edgewater Country Club

Akie Iwai

Quick Quotes

Q. Okay, here with Akie Iwai after her second round of the Portland Classic. Talk about how you played today.

AKIE IWAI: I think I play good. I was able to stick my game in front and good focus my golf. That's why. Yeah. I get many birdies.

Q. Yeah. It seemed like your putting was really good?

AKIE IWAI: Good, yeah.

Q. How did it feel?

AKIE IWAI: So yesterday no really good distance much, and then I was practice yesterday. That's why good touch today.

Q. So you worked on your speed yesterday a little bit?

AKIE IWAI: Yeah.

Q. Anything else you worked on in your game recently?

AKIE IWAI: No change. Every time I practice chipping especially 30, 40, 50, and then I figure out my swing, timing, yeah. I figure out, yeah.

Q. Tempo with your putting?

AKIE IWAI: Chipping.

Q. Oh, with your chipping? Tempo with your chipping.

AKIE IWAI: Chipping, yes. Driver no -- no, tempo with the driver.

Q. I wanted to ask you two questions. Can you talk about when you step on the tee box here. This is first time playing this event, right? What do you think about when you go to hit because the fairways seem



very narrow, a lot of trees?

AKIE IWAI: Some hole, yeah, you know, narrow. I know, but anyway I got -- I need I got confidence in the swing.

Q. Trust your swing?

AKIE IWAI: Yes, yes. Simple thinking. I hit, I must hit (indiscernible). Yeah, that's it.

Q. Do you like this golf course?

AKIE IWAI: I like.

Q. Yeah.

AKIE IWAI: Yeah, looks like similar in Japan course.

Q. Really? A lot of courses have a lot trees in Japan?

AKIE IWAI: Yes.

Q. Good to know. Last question I wanted to ask. I saw your dancing video on Instagram. How long you've been doing fun stuff like that? Do you enjoy doing that?

AKIE IWAI: We do 45 minutes, one hours, yeah.

Q. At a time?

AKIE IWAI: Yeah.

Q. You guys are pretty good at it, too. Do you practice or do you do that a lot?

AKIE IWAI: No.

Q. No?

AKIE IWAI: Already beginning next practice, yeah.

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