

# ShopRite LPGA Classic

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Seaview, A Dolce Hotel

## Ashleigh Buhai

### Quick Quotes

**Q. All right, here with Ashleigh Buhai after her first round. Past champion of this event. How did it feel to be back out here this week at ShopRite?**

ASHLEIGH BUHAI: Yeah, always a good feeling coming back here when you've won on a course. Got good memories. I tend to like playing here.

The wind picked up pretty quickly, like almost from the second hole today. Pretty happy with the way I played today.

**Q. Anything in particular that stuck out about your play today?**

ASHLEIGH BUHAI: I hit the ball really well. Been searching a little bit and felt like I found something yesterday. I was close last week at U.S. Open, but obviously such a tough golf course.

So, yeah, hit it really good. Left a few putts out there, but still, these greens can get tricky so I was able to stay patient.

**Q. In a 54-hole tournament, obviously it's key to get off to a good start. At a tournament like this where at the end of the first round going to be 10, 15, maybe even 20 players within a couple shots of the lead. What kind of mindset do you have to have to navigate an event where there is a sense of urgency not there for a 72-hole tournament?**

ASHLEIGH BUHAI: I think most three-day tournaments feel like that, but because this course, especially in the afternoons can get tricky with the wind, you don't need to push. I always feel like if you're within like between 6- and 8-under after two rounds you're in a good spot.

That's what I learnt over the years, yeah. So you definitely just don't push. Just keep staying in it, hitting the shots, and hole one or two putts.



**Q. Obviously with Linnea did last year was remarkable, but a lot of past winners have come from sort of off the pace you would say a little bit.**

ASHLEIGH BUHAI: Yeah.

**Q. Is there any reason for that?**

ASHLEIGH BUHAI: I think I always -- like when I won, I also came from behind. It's always easier to chase, and this is a golf course that you got a lot of wedges in your hands so you feel you can stay aggressive.

Again, if you play well on this course it's because you've holed a lot of putts, which can get tricky. Yeah, you have wedges so that's why I think players can stay aggressive from that point of view.

**Q. Just the course playing-wise, anything different about it this year as opposed to previous years?**

ASHLEIGH BUHAI: No. I think it's playing pretty similar to last year, yeah.

**Q. Is there anything about that stretch today from 3 to 7? You had four birdies in five holes there. I don't remember past years how you have done...**

ASHLEIGH BUHAI: When I won I got off to a really hot start. Yeah, hit a lot of really good shots. Missed two six-footers on 12 and 13 which were a little frustrating, were Tanya just said to me, just stay patient. Keep doing what you're doing, giving yourself the chances.

That's all I can do. I hit a lot of good shots today.

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