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Hoakalei Country Club

Hannah Green

Press Conference

Q. Hannah, you were in the early wave, the first round at a brand new event with no real frame of reference for what the scoring would be like. Did your preparation here make you feel comfortable and confident?

HANNAH GREEN: Yeah, I played a practice round with Georgia and Su, so kind of playing for lunch and dinner, so just trying get as many competitive rounds out there as possible before the tournament.

I've been hitting the ball good. I just felt like with the putter I just needed to see a couple go in. So that's kind of what led to my score today. Holed a couple longer ones, which is nice. Just made the hole feel a little bit bigger.

Q. Is there something to Australians, both men and women, having success on the islands of Hawaii?

HANNAH GREEN: I think your ball striking really shows. I feel like if you miss-hit it in the wind it really reflects your miss-hit.

Today I felt like I hit the ball really well. I don't know how many greens I hit, but I felt like all the shots I hit where I wanted them, so it's been a while since I've kind of done that.

It was quite hard to predict the wind the last few holes. It was getting pretty gusty. But, yeah, you've got to be pretty patient out there.

Q. You did play in some wind. Tomorrow's forecast is much the same. How much will that change your preparation or your strategy?

HANNAH GREEN: Yeah, it's going to depend where the pins are again, and then obviously how gusty it gets. The plan is literally to hit every fairway and every green and make my life as easy as possible and stress-free.



I think just making sure that you don't like short-side yourself is really key around here. Usually I really like to hit it in the bunkers, but sometimes they aren't the greatest spot here on this golf course.

You're going to make bogeys out there. It's just trying to make as many birdies as possible.

Q. Great playing. Good luck.

HANNAH GREEN: Thanks.

Q. Tell me how you feel you played today. Looked like a pretty solid round.

HANNAH GREEN: Yeah, I felt like I played really well. Hit a lot of good shots on our first nine; just couldn't really capitalize on the putts.

So it was kind of nice, on the back nine I holed one from off the green, so that was pretty cool.

So, yeah, I hit the ball really good and I had nice numbers into the holes. It wasn't really ever like too many hard shots, which is quite hard here in Hawaii.

But I feel like the windier it gets and the harder it gets, I like that. I feel like I like the challenge. I might not say that tomorrow if I have a bad score, but, you know, it makes you think.

Yeah, those that play well are rewarded.

Q. Tell me about the hole where you holed it from off the green.

HANNAH GREEN: I just pulled my shot left into the right rough, and then it's a really hard hole, No. 6. I just missed the green. I was a few meters off the edge. I actually thought it was going in quite hard but it wasn't too bad because it was so uphill and into the grain.

But that was a nice one to sneak in, as most of my other birdies came from like close range. That was good.

Q. How fun is this week? It's a nice week when this is your office.



HANNAH GREEN: Yeah. Oh, yeah.

Q. Be able to get out and have some fun, too?

HANNAH GREEN: Yeah, it was really nice. Like I really enjoy coming to Hawaii. It's such a relaxed vibe, and I think that's what we need a little bit more of when we're on the golf course.

Yeah, this afternoon I'm probably going to go to the beach. Hopefully doesn't get too much windier or might not be too pleasant.

I saw Inbee saw some turtles yesterday, so I really want to go and do that. It's just really cool. You can switch off pretty easily here.

Q. One last work question. What did you learn about this course today that you really think is going to help you as you go into tomorrow?

HANNAH GREEN: Yeah, I mean, I guess it just goes to show how gusty it can really be. It was nice that we at least did have some wind in the practice rounds and the pro-am, but it's picking up now.

I haven't really looked at the forecast, but I guess Jerry just said it's pretty similar.

Just, yeah, got to stay as patient as possible. Nate, my caddie and I have done a really good job with like reading the wind, so, yeah, hopefully we can continue to do that, make the right decisions.

Q. The green ribbon with Shirley's passing yesterday, just wanted to get your thoughts on Shirley and the Founders and what they have meant for the LPGA.

HANNAH GREEN: I know, it was such a shock for us all to read I assume, especially after seeing her so recently, and so shy to her 95 birthday.

Yeah, we are obviously all so grateful for what they've done and giving us the opportunity. Everyone kind of hopes that when we leave our tour it's in a better place, and I'm sure she's really proud to see where it has started to where it's now.

Always think of Shirley, and, yeah, hopefully no more sad news coming our way.

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