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Sentosa Golf Club

Esther Henseleit

Quick Quotes

ESTHER HENSELEIT: Didn't get off to the best start but turned it around on the front nine and just playing really solid on the back nine.

Q. What's going through your head when you start rough to get back into it, bounce back out here?

ESTHER HENSELEIT: I mean, there's so many chances. I feel like the first four holes, especially 3 and 4 are probably some of the hardest holes on the course. So if you get through those holes, you kind of feel like you have some chances.

So I was just saying that to start 2-over after three, it not the end of the world.

Q. How many times have you played here before?

ESTHER HENSELEIT: I played two years ago.

Q. And then did you play last week in Thailand?

ESTHER HENSELEIT: I did.

Q. So what is it like to be back here in Singapore?

ESTHER HENSELEIT: I really like it. I really like the city. Coming back, it's always great. I really like the course, as well. Yeah, it is warm and really sticky grass. But the greens still roll really nice. So I enjoy being here.

Q. Obviously you came in second the Aramco Ladies European Tour a couple weeks ago. Great start to the year. How do you come back from a near miss and try to compete again and be back to the top?

ESTHER HENSELEIT: Yeah, it's always great to start off the year, it shows you that you did some good work over the off-season.

Yeah, I've been playing well last week, as well. Couldn't really get it going on the weekend. But I do have a lot of confidence in my golf became at the moment, and my putter was also really good today.



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So yeah, it was great.

Q. And you spoke about working in the off-season. So there anything specific you did to help you do it again, two top 5s?

ESTHER HENSELEIT: I worked a bit on my technique. Just keep improving my swing. Worked a lot on my putting, and also in the gym; I think I'm hitting it a bit further than last year, and here, it's definitely a big advantage if you can go for some of the par 5s. Yeah, it's nice to see it pay off.

Q. Mentally was there any work done?

ESTHER HENSELEIT: Nothing in particular. Just try to stay in the moment and take it one shot at a time.

Q. And obviously you start with the two bogeys on the first three holes. What do you tell yourself and how do you reset for the next?

ESTHER HENSELEIT: Like I said, I think the start on this golf course is really tough. So if you have like one or two bogeys on those four holes, it's okay. Yeah, just reset and try to make more birdies after.

Q. And coming to this tournament, what was your goal? Was there any difference in your routine?

ESTHER HENSELEIT: Not really. Last week was already really hot and humid, so I just felt like I needed to get my energy levels back up at the beginning of the week. I played the Pro-Am yesterday which is always a good preparation.

Didn't have any particular goals coming into this. My goal is always to try and play as good as possible and just see what happens.

Q. You played in 2022 but in 2023 you missed this edition. Is there a reason why?

ESTHER HENSELEIT: I didn't qualify.

Q. But eventually you got back to qualifying for this tournament. Was it a goal?



ESTHER HENSELEIT: Yeah, definitely. I had a really good year last year, and I feel like these Asian tournaments are kind of a bonus for all the players that come here. It's a small field and we can kind of get a head start. Yeah, it's great to be back here.

Q. Obviously the Solheim Cup and Olympics this year, what are your targets working towards those?

ESTHER HENSELEIT: Yeah, both of them, Solheim and Olympics are definitely on my list for this year, but in the end, I can't really influence other than playing about golf. So I'm just trying to focus on that.

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