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Samantha Wagner

Quick Quotes

Q. I'm here with Samantha Wagner. Samantha, great round today.

SAMANTHA WAGNER: Thank you.

Q. Congratulations.

SAMANTHA WAGNER: Thank you.

Q. You had a good bit of birdies out there today. Let's start with that. Eight birdies I believe. How do you think that helped your round today?

SAMANTHA WAGNER: I was just really feeling confident with my putter. Felt really good reading the greens, and when I had my dad help me he was pretty on pointe, too.

Got a little nervous a couple times, but also like just kind of settled down and went back to work with my putter at the end.

Q. I heard the greens are a little tricky out there. Anything else that you're seeing out there?

SAMANTHA WAGNER: Oh, yeah. The greens felt like cement on the back nine. If you're out of position like in the rough, it's just tough. It's tough to kind of put a good shot on it.

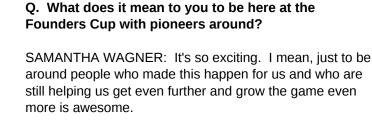
I mean, I caught a couple lucky breaks, but still struggled in a couple spots, which okay. I mean, not everything is going to be perfect, so you just got to roll with it.

Q. Game of golf, right?

SAMANTHA WAGNER: Yeah.

Q. Let's talk about you're a rookie this year on the LPGA. How has it been this year so far?

SAMANTHA WAGNER: Oh, man, it's been frustrating. I've had some close calls and some tournaments where I'm like I could easily count three shots where I could have



trust that and keep sticking with it.

Even me just being a little bit close to where I grew up is awesome too because I have a lot of family here.

I think that's part of the learning process. Took me a

couple weeks to just be okay with that and roll with the punches and know that I earned my spot out here and just

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