

The Chevron Championship

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The Club at Carlton Woods

Ashleigh Buhai

Quick Quotes



Q. All right, here with Ashleigh Buhai after her second round at The Chevron Championship. Awesome round to come back today. How proud are you of your comeback today?

ASHLEIGH BUHAI: Yeah, I'm super proud. Obviously yesterday was not a good day. Kind of felt like I just lost my swing for a day.

But the delay was almost a blessing in disguise. I was able to do some FaceTime work with my coach this morning who is in South Africa. Gave me one simple thought and it worked.

Q. Are you able to share that one thought?

ASHLEIGH BUHAI: Yeah, I was just shutting the face out yesterday. Basically just said feel like I'm keeping the club face, keeping the loft on it all the way back and down and try and return it to that point.

So my strikes were good yesterday. Everything kept pulling a little bit. I knew it wasn't too far off. Yesterday got a little messy for sure.

Q. How would you say you executed that today? Obviously the numbers look great, but feel-wise.

ASHLEIGH BUHAI: Feel-wise I did a really good job. I kind of said to myself, score's irrelevant today. I am so far out of it. My only job today was do the club face well and good bump and that's all I can control.

It's amazing what happens when you stop thinking about the results and just focus on what you can control.

Q. How do you dig yourself out of that mental hole?

ASHLEIGH BUHAI: Yeah, I mean, it's never far away with us. And I knew my lines, when I videoed just still looked too good, so it was just so slight. It's amazing how something so small can affect the ball so much.

Yeah, I'm just really proud of myself for giving myself a chance to play the weekend.

Q. For you, standing on the tee boxes, the fairways, it's not always the easiest, these approach shots, tee shots off some of these holes. When you have a day like yesterday and you come into today and you're just focusing on this one thing, did the golf course seem wider, more freedom to swing at it?

ASHLEIGH BUHAI: Not really. I think what helped me today was I hit a fade and I knew I could stand up the left side and commit to hitting the fade all day.

Even if a pin was tucked left, I stood up and hit to the left side of green and to my space. Wherever my space was, I just tried to hit the same standard shot. That gave me the confidence knowing I could move it from left to right again.

Q. How are you feeling physically?

ASHLEIGH BUHAI: Yeah, obviously it's definitely better than I was last weekend so there is improvement. Still a bit of a battle, but I'm proud of the way I just keep fighting through.

Q. What's your treatment like to get your knee in a place where you can go out there and compete?

ASHLEIGH BUHAI: Yeah, literally after the round rest. I've got a little machine I put on it. Last night saw my physio. I'll go back today. Machine, ice, anti-inflammatory, keep it elevated.

On Saturday, I thought was almost back to square one, so I'm just very happy with the way it's improved.

Q. You mentioned coming into today you weren't really thinking about the results after yesterday's round. You played well today. Now are you thinking about the results now? 36 more holes; I can put up some good numbers and have a real good finish?

ASHLEIGH BUHAI: I think it shows when you stop thinking about results, and if I can just go do what I did today the



next two days, we'll add it up at the end and see where I finish up.

I'm just happy to feel like I have control of the golf ball again.

Q. Can you just talk through that stretch? You picked up a good bit of birdies there.

ASHLEIGH BUHAI: Uh-huh.

Q. And the eagle as well.

ASHLEIGH BUHAI: Yeah.

Q. What was going through your head 5 to 11?

ASHLEIGH BUHAI: Yeah, played really well the holes before.

Lipped out on 3.

And then, yeah, was it 5 and 6, Tanya said to me, definitely most improved there. Played them six shots better because I went double-double yesterday.

Hit a great 5-wood into 8. Holed a bomb, but you need to that happen.

Chipped in on 9 to keep it going.

Yeah, good putt on 10.

Then hit to about six feet on 11.

Just played really steady coming in and gave myself looks. Hit it to the big spots of the green, good two putts. Had chance on 18. Hit a good putt; just missed. So very steady.

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