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Gurleen Kaur

Quick Quotes

Q. Okay, joined here by Gurleen Kaur after the first round at the FM Championship. You had a great round today. Can you just take us through what you were thinking out on the course?

GURLEEN KAUR: Yeah, got off to a solid start. Started with two birdies. Hit it to like two feet on the first one and five feet on the second one, so just got off to a confident start.

I was hitting my irons super well as well as just rolling the ball well. I had a couple of testy five, six-footers for par here and there, but I was just trying to be as consistent as possible, hit as many fairways and greens.

Wind was swirling a little bit on the back nine so I felt like I wasn't able to capitalize on all of them, but played super solid overall.

Q. Yeah, you made two birdies on your first two holes. How did you feel that got you in the right mindset for your round?

GURLEEN KAUR: Yeah, just really nice, and I even had an attempt on 3 as well. So I think just knowing that you're just trying to get off to a great start and then being able to do so is nice, and converting early just so you don't feel like you have to press later on in the round as well, too.

Q. So it's been an up and down year for you. Had a really strong finish at the Portland Classic a few weeks back. Did you think that reframed your confidence at all or had any affect on maybe the way you're playing this week?

GURLEEN KAUR: Honestly I think it has a lot to do with just the break I took after maybe Dow before the Europe Swing. I was able to go home and reset. I think that really helped me just get back into a good place with my game.

I was just able to work on things that I wanted to that you can't really sometimes during the season, so I feel like it was a good reset.



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Again, of course the Portland event was a huge confidence booster as well, but I think I'm just playing consistent and to the level that I know I'm capable of.

Q. This is a unique course. There are very specific tee shots you're able to hit, either left side or right side; feels like a completely different course. Did you feel like you're ball was going where you wanted it to go today, or will you reach it differently heading into the rest of the week?

GURLEEN KAUR: Yeah, so I had to Monday qualify for this tournament, which is kind of funny. I feel like it's like night and day different from Monday; it's gotten super firm and fast. It's been interesting to see how the course evolves over the week, and I'm sure it will just continue to get firm.

So played a little bit different, but expected to I could tell starting from yesterday, so, yeah.

Q. As a Monday qualifier do you feel like you're coming in with an underdog mentality at all or do you know you are one of the best golfers in the world and you deserve to be out here competing against them?

GURLEEN KAUR: No, I definitely feel like I deserve to be here. I thought it was funny that my ranking is good now and like in a place I want it to be but still had to Monday qualify because of the reshuffle.

I feel like being able to take it as a good opportunity rather than like, oh, my gosh, I have to Monday, was like why I was able to play well. Yeah, I mean, I think I like of course its underdog mentality, but I am also know my strengths and weaknesses on the courses and I'm just going to continue to play as well as I can.

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