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The Riviera Country Club

Alison Lee

Quick Quotes

Q. So first, with the chase coming tomorrow, how does it feel being inside the top eight in the U.S. Open at the Riviera here in Los Angeles?

ALISON LEE: It feels good. It hurts a little bit being in the final group today and not being able to play as well as I wanted to. I really felt like I was just scratching at the wall all day. Didn't feel like I had my A-game out there, but I made a lot of really good par putts to keep me in it.

Looking back on my round, 1-over, I feel like it could have been way higher than that. Going to just try and take positives from that.

I love chasing, and so it'll be fun tomorrow to try and just play really aggressively and try and chase the leaders.

Q. Speaking of the positives, are there any specifically that you're taking from today into tomorrow's round?

ALISON LEE: Yeah, I would say I drove the ball really well. Making a lot of good putts. You know, I feel like the best part of my game has been my irons and my approach shots, and that just wasn't quite good today.

So hopefully I can work on it a little bit maybe tonight -- I don't know about tonight; I'm too tired. Maybe tomorrow morning and try and figure something out.

Just stay positive. I mean, like I said, today I feel like I could have shot a pretty high number with how I -- where I was leaving the ball. Yeah, I had a lot of good saves, and I feel like mentally out there I was in a really solid place.

The first five holes aren't pretty, but, yeah, feel like I did a good job staying in it and staying level headed and calm out there.

Q. How were the conditions out there today? How is the course playing?

ALISON LEE: Good. I would say -- I wouldn't say as the week has gone on the greens have gotten more firm. I



expected maybe the greens to be a little bit more firm today. If anything, I think the fairways have been a little bit more firm.

So it wasn't too much of a surprise out there. It's not like the greens were way faster or firmer. Felt very similar to yesterday.

So hopefully it's like that tomorrow and I can hit my iron shots the way I usually do.

Q. Last question: In terms of your putter, when did you but long putter in the bag and how has it benefited you?

ALISON LEE: I would say I put it in almost a year ago now. Right before having my son I struggled a lot with putting and my putting coach actually recommended me to try a long putter a long time ago and I was like, absolutely not. That thing is terrible. It's hideous.

Coming back postpartum I played a few events and it was just kind of a few test events to see what my game was like. I thought -- I felt like that was the best time for me to try it out, and it really stuck and I love that thing. I feel like this week I still haven't had any three putts -- haven't had any three putts, yeah? Yeah. And my speeds were great.

Yeah, ever since I put this in the bag I feel like it's been -- it's added a lot to my game.

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