

Women's Olympic Golf Competition

Thursday, 5 August 2021
Saitama City, Saitama, Japan
Kasumigaseki Country Club

Nanna Koerstz Madsen

Press Conference

THE MODERATOR: 7-under today, 64. In the same group as Aditi, what did you have working today and how special was it to be at the top of the leaderboard here through two rounds midway through?

NANNA KOERSTZ MADSEN: Well I had a good run on the front nine. Made, I don't know, three birdies and an eagle in a row. So I got to 6-under through 8. I was playing pretty good.

Then on the back nine I was still playing all right, I just didn't -- I had some good chances I didn't make but I was still happy with the back nine.

THE MODERATOR: Emily Kristine is 9-under. Your relationship with her, are you guys close, and how exciting would it be to have a couple different players from Denmark here contending in the Olympics?

NANNA KOERSTZ MADSEN: Well it's cool being two from Denmark. We're not particularly close. We are staying together this week, so, yeah.

THE MODERATOR: Questions?

Q. Curious about the 8th hole. What yardage and club you hit in to that, the par-5.

NANNA KOERSTZ MADSEN: Which hole?

Q. Number 8.

NANNA KOERSTZ MADSEN: 4-iron. I had 190 meters. So 210 yards.

Q. Secondly I'm just curious your thoughts on the 18th hole. You had an I would guess a short iron into that, 9, 8-iron or so. What's the key to that hole? I mean off the tee I've seen a lot of people bailing to the left which leaves in the rough and a difficult shot and right can lead to trouble too. How do you approach it?



NANNA KOERSTZ MADSEN: Yeah, well you just got to realize that there's more room on the right. You can actually take it over the bunker. I only had a gap wedge to the green, so for me it doesn't really play that hard the hole, if you just hit the drive.

Q. Given that the idea that you might only play 54 holes, how do you prepare yourself for tomorrow?

NANNA KOERSTZ MADSEN: Well I hope that we will know before tomorrow.

Q. Me too.

NANNA KOERSTZ MADSEN: Yeah. (Laughing.) But it's not really anything else you can do than what you usually do. Just try and stick to your game plan and see if what you make is enough. Just try and make as many birdies as possible.

Q. Would the game plan change at all if you knew it was going to be the final?

NANNA KOERSTZ MADSEN: No. I mean, I know how I'm going to play the course, depending upon where they put the tee boxes, but other than that I can't really do anything else.

Q. I know this happens before, when was the last time you played in an event that was shortened because of rain?

NANNA KOERSTZ MADSEN: I can't really remember on top of my head but it has happened. We play an outdoor sport so that's something that can happen and we are fine with that. I would like it to be 72 holes, but if not, that's just how it is.

Q. I think you guys were on the clock or being timed from the 8th hole onward first group out. Do you think there should be some kind of an accounting for the fact that it's really, really hot out here and you almost need to move a little bit slower?

NANNA KOERSTZ MADSEN: I mean, we know the pace of play is a big thing for us. They're really trying to get golf moving faster. So it's okay, it was just a lot of holes being stressful and then it was really hot too, so it was not nice but that's just the game.

Q. Going back to yesterday, were you okay playing maybe 27 holes in a day?

NANNA KOERSTZ MADSEN: I was prepared for it. If I could have gotten an hour break I would have been ready, I would just change my clothes and then I'll be fine. But I do prefer not playing 27 holes.

Q. You wouldn't want to turn around right now and play another nine holes, would you?

NANNA KOERSTZ MADSEN: I would not prefer to, no. Definitely not.

Q. Have you thought back to the Youth Olympics in 2014 at all? Has that been on your radar in terms of drawing on experience and what happened then?

NANNA KOERSTZ MADSEN: I was not at that one. That was Emily.

Q. Oh, sorry.

NANNA KOERSTZ MADSEN: No worries.

Q. Could I just ask then, this morning, were you, on the first tee, did you think you had that sort of round in you and was it were you sort of full of confidence?

NANNA KOERSTZ MADSEN: Yeah, I knew I had the game, I knew my putting was good if I just trusted it. So it just all depends that it all adds up at once and it kind of did today.

FastScripts by ASAP Sports