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First-round tournament quotes

AN INTERVIEW WITH DIANA D'ALESSIO

Q. Nice day, if you can talk about how it went.

DIANA D'ALESSIO: I hit the ball pretty well, I started off a little bit slow. I bogeyed my first hole, but I birdied a few on the back 9 to kind of steady my ship. But I hit my driver better today which I did not do on Tuesday. I was a little bit concerned. It was fun out there.

Q. It's early, any time you are up near the top it's got to be a good feeling.

DIANA D'ALESSIO: Yes, definitely, I have not had a stellar year so far this year. It's nice just to shoot under par. A friend of mine and I we decided to do like 18 holes of match play, so every hole I played it was match play against par because sometimes I make some bogeys and I just keep making bogeys. I finally got my emotions under control.

Q. Is this the first tournament you've been playing like that or have you been doing it for a while?

DIANA D'ALESSIO: No, today was the first day to try it and it was good, it was fun, I had a good time.

Q. How about going in tomorrow, you ought to feel pretty good?

DIANA D'ALESSIO: Yes, it was finally good to make some putts. I haven't putted very well this year. I've hit the ball well but just haven't capitalized. So it's good to see some good things go in finally.

Q. How do you keep it in perspective and just concentrate on shot per shot?
DIANA D'ALESSIO: That was a good thing about the match play scenario. You know, what you did two holes ago, or the last hole, doesn't matter because now you are focussing on playing this particular match on that hole. So I'm just trying to go with that. Sometimes you catch yourself thinking about, oh, I'm 4-under, let's make another birdie. But I got myself back in the present pretty good.

Q. As much golf as there is to be played this week, does this help you keep it in perspective to know that you have three rounds to go?

DIANA D'ALESSIO: Yes, it's always good to shoot under par on your first round, you know, just try to keep the momentum going. This golf course, if we don't get any rain, will get firm. The greens already are pretty firm now. So it may play more difficult so it's always good to get yourself under par.
