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**AN INTERVIEW WITH LAURA DIAZ**

THE MODERATOR: 14-under.**Error! Bookmark not defined.**

LAURA DIAZ: Yes, it was really a hot day out there today, so we are trying to stay cool. To do that, the sun comes out a little bit, and then you get wet, a shower. I think that was the biggest shower for the day because I was sweating so profusely.

But I started the day good with a birdie and made a few good putts on the front nine and carried it out the back nine.

So, unfortunately, I didn't execute the shot that I would have liked on 17, and left it short, and I put the putt right on the end. So, 17, was the only bogey of the day, but I felt like I bogeyed 18. I had a 6-iron into the green. I wasn't going at the pin. But I wasn't going in the bunker either. And I made a routine bunker shot to about six feet and then I missed the putt, so that was a little upsetting. But overall, you know, a solid day, and I'll see what I can do tomorrow.  
(Scorecard.)

Q. (Inaudible)?

LAURA DIAZ: We had a lot of tournaments that have been cool, rainy. And hello, wake-up call.

When I go home in the summertime it's like this. It humid and it's hot. But I just think because we haven't played in it a long time, that it's just a really big shocker.

Q. (Inaudible)?

LAURA DIAZ: Last week I was two shots out.

Q. (Inaudible)?

LAURA DIAZ: I am not. I don't know if others are. But I got that question when I got done, by the TV. I can see when I'm walking that the fairways are definitely firmer, but I'm not really seeing it for sure when I am

hitting my shot. It seems to me, obviously, it's drying up. It has to dry up. But I'm not noticing a huge difference.

Q. (Inaudible)?

LAURA DIAZ: When it gets firmer, it might release a little more on the fairway, it might release a little more on the green. But you are kind of always having that discussion, you know, from the morning to an afternoon time you could have that. So today was definitely hot, and tomorrow is going to be hot. So, I think, today and tomorrow, Wednesday, you know, yesterday I was in the afternoon. So it seemed like it played real similar to yesterday.

But on 18, the big difference for me, I hit a 6-iron into the green today. Yesterday I hit a rescue club. But it's definitely, it's definitely firmer. I didn't see a noticeable difference.

Q. (Inaudible)?

LAURA DIAZ: I didn't like that shot that I hit out of bunker. I hit it exactly like I wanted. I couldn't have hit it any better. The wind kind of just drifted it to the left. When I was starting it off the pin, any way it was going to be hard for it not to go in that bunker. I didn't like the way I hit it.

Q. (Inaudible)?

LAURA DIAZ: I like to catch it a little more crisp. I like to see the ball jump up and kind of stop. It landed in a good spot. For being unhappy with it, it couldn't have gotten in a better spot. It was straight up the hill.

Q. (Inaudible)?

LAURA DIAZ: This has been a hard year for me. Last year was hard because I wasn't injured and I was playing throughout the injury and I wasn't playing very well. I don't know how much you know about my history, but I wasn't somebody who you thought who can get their card the first go around. I didn't. I kind of just work hard to work my way up. It's always been like a struggle, you know. I worked hard and it seemed like horrible. This year, after surgery, I couldn't put that effort forward. I think I put more pressure on myself because it was like, you know I worked hard and I seen that hard work payoff, and all of a sudden I mean I couldn't make a cut. It was hard. It got really hard. It's still really hard. But I think there is a lot of things in perspective. I could not have comeback at all from surgery, and I think dealing with the pain last year, kind of getting through that, it's helping me not get so angry. You know, I am proud of myself. I also realize that I love this game, and I'm very fortunate to be 29 and have a job that I love. There is a lot of people in this world who don't love their job. So even if I can't achieve the level that I want to right now, I'm going to keep working and see what happens.

Q. (Inaudible)?

LAURA DIAZ: Oh no, I have a real supportive family in the world. I have an instructor who is constantly encouraging me, you know. I have a husband who, you know, couldn't be more supportive, you know. My father is supportive, my husband, my mother, they're always encouraging me. My whole family, you know, they enjoyed the ride too.

But it's not that they beat me up about it, just keep working, that's what you always done. You just got to keep working at it and it will pay off.

Q. (Inaudible)?

LAURA DIAZ: My instructor, Ron Pyle, has always instilled that. So I do a lot of different putting drills. I play up and down game. I put head covers out on the range 50, 100 yards. I don't do a ton of ball striking. I don't work on my swing so much, you know. If I have a problem that day, and Ron happens be out -- my dad is here this week. If something went wrong yesterday, or today or if I felt funny over a shot, we would go work on it. But he would rather just see me in that situation and work a lot.

Q. (Inaudible)?

LAURA DIAZ: Well, first of all, there as lot of players in this golf tournament. Grace is a great champion, and there is a lot of people trying to win this golf tournament, and the only thing that I can do is go out and show I can play. I can't do anything about how anybody else is playing. So, I go out and play hard and see what happens at the end of the day.

But I don't play a person. This isn't Match Play. This isn't stroke play. I play the golf course. I try to make a birdie or better on every hole.

Some days you can do that, and some days you can't.

Q. (Inaudible)?

LAURA DIAZ: I said to Dana, why am I in here? I have a hard enough time boasting on my own game. I'm not worried about what everyone else is doing. Obviously, there is always a time when it could be important to know, but I really don't ever look at a leaderboard.

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